

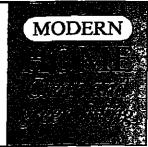
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Budget increase expected on alcohol and tobacco Rifkind gives

interest rates, Mr Major dare

not be too tough for fear of

tipping the economy into

recession, thereby increasing

The Chancellor's task has

been complicated lately by a

strong dollar increasing pres-

sure on the pound and by

Treasury fears that the switch

to independent taxation of

husbands and wives will cost

the Government more than

the £550 million allowed for

this year. The cut in National

Insurance rates last October

will cost £2.8 billion in the full

Mr Major's problems were underlined yesterday by official figures showing that wage costs jumped from 9.0 per cent to 10.1 per cent in the third quarter of 1989 while

productivity fell by 0.5 per cent Earlier figures confirmed

that high interest rates are not

reducing consumption as

The Chancellor's colleagues

now live in fear of further

pressure on the pound forcing

another increase in interest

rates that would set off a

vicious spiral of higher wage

He is believed to bave

resisted calls to lift the limit on

mortgage interest rate relief to

£40,000, which would have

cost £500-£800 million, How-

ever, there is talk among Tory

MPs of the Chancellor

stimulating the dormant hous-

ing market by raising the

£30,000 threshold at which

stamp duty becomes payable

differential between leaded

Opinions are divided over

how the Chancellor will react

to extensive lobbying for tax

concessions on workplace

nurseries and child care for

working mothers. The cause is

An opinion poll in the

constituency found that most

voters believed she had lost

touch with "ordinary people"

with support for both the

running at 43 per cent.

Conservatives and Labour

Meanwhile Labour was

celebrating three council by-

elections wins, reflecting hostility to the poll tax, with

swings away from the Conser-

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Glasgow shrugs off a cultural glitch

former Cabinet minister.

Tories reveal growing

unease on leadership

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

Conservative MPs and grass- ting out his own priorities in a

Thatcher's leadership in the Prime Minister's Finehley

roots supporters have re- letter to The Times today.

and unleaded petrol.

on house sales.

claims and increased costs.

swiftly as had been hoped.

unemployment.

year of 1990-91.

Major set to raise £1bn in extra taxes

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor want everything possible done to avoid a further increase in

to lose the principle of a contributory fund by merging

the tax and National In-

Politically, the move would

be very damaging, hitting the

middle-class voters on whom

The surplus for this financial

year is now expected be

around £8 billion, a long way below the £14 billion forecast

in last year's Budget or the

£121/2 billion in the autumn

statement. The public sector

debt repayment in February

was £1 billion, producing 2

surplus in the first 11 months

final month is expected to

show a sizeable delicit Page 17

Kinnock in Mid Staffs .. 2

the Conservatives depend for

electoral recovery. But with the Mational Insurance Fund

heading for a hefty deficit the Chancellor may raise contri-

bution rates to bring it back

Ministers are conscious of

the enormous burden on Mr

Major, whose decisions this

week could spell the difference

between a recovery and defeat

They have been saying that

it is better for him to err on

the side of caution: his crucial

task is to restore City con-

fidence and to prevent any

further speculation against the

pound, which could result in

higher interest rates. Tory

MPs believe that interest rates

have already reached the lim-

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and

her senior advisers believe

that the storm over the poll

tax could have been weathered

had it been the only difficult

issue. Its arrival on top of the

steep increase in interest and

mortgage rates, however, has

left Tory voters feeling be-trayed, with the result that the

Conservatives find them-

selves in a position in the polls

from which no previous gov-

ernment has won an election.

While the Tories therefore

realed fresh jitters about Mrs

run-up to Tuesday's Budget

coupled with the prospect of

losing the Mid-Staffordshire

hy-election and disquiet over

Two senior Tories yesterday

openly voiced concern that

the Government had lost its

direction. Mr Michael Hesel-

tine also distanced himself

further from the present Gov-

ernment's policies when set-

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its of political tolerance.

at the next election.

Norman Fowler.....

into balance.

surance systems.

Senior Tories expect Mr him, Mr Major does not want John Major's first Budget on Tuesday to be on the tough side of neutral, raising up to £1 billion in

Alcohol and tobacco excise duties, frozen last year, are expected to be in-A steep fall in the Budget creased in spite of the effect surplus has increased deon the Retail Price Index. mands in the City for Mr Company car textion is Company car terestion is Major to raise taxes in the also expected to rise Budget (Rodney Lord writes).

Mr Major, who has admitted having stage fright over the first televised Budget, is not expected to increase income-tax rates, but personal tax allowances may not be totally indexed. The Chancellor would save £1.6 billion by not raising them at all.

He is also believed to have of the year of £9.6 billion. The rejected the idea of removing the apper earnings limit on employees' National Insurance contributions, which would have raised more than £7 billion by hitting all those earning more than £12,200 a

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BTR, the British company. bid \$1.64 billion (£1 billion) for the American Norton group, icaving an early-morning message for the defending board on a telephone answering machine. The City expects a long legal buttle...... Page 17

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challenge to Mr Yitzhak hamir's leadership of Israel's demonstreed Likud party is being mounted from the right. led by Mr Apel Sharon, the former general. Mr Shamir, the Prime Migrater, was brought down on Thursday by knesses vote of no confidence Page ?

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Mr Palmer: "Plenty to be

three-day Arts Without Fronners conference in Glasgow. which ended yesterday, denied any intended snub in not inviting speakers from the organizers of Glasgow European City of Culture 1990, despite the fact that the conference, with 700 inter-

national delegates, was convened to discuss the cultural implications in the coming European single market.

"We have worked very closely with the Arts Council in setting up the conference and I suggested that our

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent Arts Council organizers of the experience might be of interest," said Mr Robert Palmer, director of the Year of Culture. "But when the conference organizers drew up the programme we found we were not included. However, we have plenty to be going on with."

Already Glasgow's year as Europe's cultural capital has exceeded all expectations, Mr Paimer said.

Mr Dylan Hammond, the Arts Council's director of marketing, said no discoursesy was intended. "We picked Glasgow as the perfect venue for the conference, and we chose the speakers we thought most appropriate to address the questions 1992

Mr Palmer said that visitor figures for the first two months were already 12 per cent up on forecasts. "We expected the months of January, February and March to be fairly slow as they traditionally are, but we have been taken by surprise. We have had to revise our assessment of the number of visitors we expect this year from seven to nine million."

crofts 'back to the people'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

embarking on the largest land disposal exercise ever seen in Scotland by seeking to return thousands of acres of crofters' land to the people.

While not strictly a privatization measure, the Scottish Secretary's plan is to transfer the holdings to "community ownership".

Crofts covering more than 100,000 acres tenanted by 630 crofters on Skye and Raasay will be the main target.

Mr Rifkind has issued a consultation paper which has been welcomed by the smallholders' representatives, including the National Farmers' Union for Scotland and the Scottish Crofters' Union.

Dr James Hunter, director of the crofters' union, said: "Potentially this is the begin-

Mr Malcolm Rifkind is annual rent. Many crofters did not take up the offer for fear of losing grants and security of

> The Scottish Office now finds the cost of administering the remaining 120,608 hectares occupied by 1,395 crofters is five times greater than the income. Its ownership responsibilities also tie up hundreds of staff.

Mr Rifkind's new proposal is aimed at transferring control to local communities while protecting the rights of individual crofters.

Community trusts, including representatives of the crofters' interests, is his preferred solution for most of the remaining crofts in public

They could be modelled on the Stornoway Trust which took over ownership of crofts in the Western Isles in the 1920s from Lord Leverhulme.

The consultation paper "Transfer to a trust would provide local communities with greater control over, and greater responsibility for, their own affairs with the scope to be more responsive to local sensitivities, and with greater ability to take account of local interests and opportunities."

One suggestion is to hand over the crofts to a trust at no cost with the Government paying conveyancing charges.

Controls are likely to be put on trusts to prevent them from selling blocks of crofts to

ning of the end of the process that began with the Highland Clearances." Mr Rifkind regards it as "anachronistic" to continue to says: own and administer large would tracts of land when the purpose for which the land was acquired has long since been achieved. He described it as returning the land to the people". The 17,672 crofting estates were acquired early this century; most of those on the mainland have long since been sold. The plan is far more radical than the last reforms in 1976 when the Labour Government gave crofters the right to buy Cooling off period: Mr. John Major taking a pre-Budget stroll along Whitehall vesterday. their holdings at 15 times the large landowners.

Iraq plans big anti-British protests today

By Christopher Walker in Cairo and Andrew McEwen in London

in Iraq today. The demonstra- shameful British stance." tions follow British measures against Iraq after the hanging of the Observer journalist, Mr Farzad Bazoft.

The MPs are also looking to Mr Major to use the Budget to underline the Government's green" credentials. Further increases in car benefit scale charges, increased in each of the last four Budgets, are

anticipated. He is also expected to increase further the

policy: "The proud masses of held, British sources also exour people will come out pressed concern that revenge

Spying claims .. The hard-line daily Al- Embassy situated near the Shaab declared vesterday in a centre of Baghdad, where the clear statement of government main street protest is to be

In addition to the British

British Airways.

Relations between Britain and Iraq were at freezing point yesterday following the return London of Mr Harold Walker, the British Ambassador, and an angry Iraqi reply to British measures after the

One of Mr Farzad Bazoft's

Huge offically organized tomorrow in mass demonstra-demonstrations of anger tions to express their anger against the offices and library give a British diplomat a Bazoft. Mrs Parish, a nurse, against Britain will take place and demunciation of the of the British Council and of message for Mrs Daphne Par-gave him a lift in her car to the ish apologising for having military plant to investigate involved her, it was disclosed yesterday. The message was passed to her in her cell at the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad by Mr Robin Kealy, the

> before his death. He also broke the news to mother several times.

British Consul General, who

had visited Mr Bazoft shortly

Mr Kealy was also able to tell her that her daughter, Mrs Michelle de Vries, is expected to receive a visa to visit Iraq soon. The British Embassy will ask the Iraqi authorities to allow Mrs de Vries to see her

Shock as world Aids expert quits

supported in The Times today by Sir Norman Fowler, the founder of the World Health Organization's global programme on Aids.

Dr Mann announced that he was leaving after disagreements over "vital issues" with Dr Hiroshi Nakajima, director general of the organization. Edinburgh epidemic5

His departure is an enordoubt its future direction at a critical stage of the pandemic.

Dr Mann, aged 42, has almost single-handedly galvanized scores of countries cult to replace." into setting up projects to coninternational campaign for the past four years.

Sir Donald Acheson, the and on funding. Government's chief medical officer, said: "I am very sorry able for comment.

International Aids experts indeed. I have a very high were stunned vesterday by the personal regard for Dr Mann, sudden resignation of Dr who has worked tirelessly with Jonathan Mann, director and all countries to reduce the founder of the World Health spread of HIV. His leadership of the WHO programme will be sorely missed."

Dr Tony Pinching, an emi-nent Aids specialist at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington,

mous blow to the WHO London, said Dr Mann's strategy on Aids, and calls into resignation was a "major resignation was a "major disaster" and added: "He has directed the global programme with great vision and ability, and will be very diffi-

It seems evident that Dr trol the spread of Aids. He has Mann and Dr Nakajima had been the leading figure in the quarrelled frequently on whether Aids should remain one of WHO's highest priorities

Dr Nakajima was not avail-

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Forces ambulance crews stand down

Nearly 130 military ambulances which have provided the backbone of emergency cover throughout the worst of the ambulance dispute were yesterday recalled to barracks (Kevin Eason writes).

As ambulance crews filtered back to normal working for the first time after six months of dispute, Army and Royal Air Force crews who had to cope with their workload were gathering up their equipment.

More than 1,200 army medics answered more than 127,000 emergency calls during a total of a million hours on call, costing the Department of Health £5 million. At the height of the dispute 209 military ambulances were operating in 21 health districts.

Yesterday marked the full return to work of all 22,500 ambulance crews who have now accepted the Government's pay deal, worth 17.6 per cent on average.

Many returned to work on Tuesday after a vote in favour

Greens 'unrealistic'

The Prime Minister yesterday deprecated "airy-fairy" environmentalists for lack of realism (Robin Young writes). She quoted the poet Andrew Marvell's lines about a garden which "annihilates all that's made into a green thought, a green shade", and said it reminded her of Greens. Very beautiful, but quite unrealistic." She quoted Kipling too: "Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made, By saying: 'Oh, how beautiful!' and sitting in the shade."

Marine discharged

A Royal Marine who walked free from court after being convicted of killing his wife and baby is to be discharged, from the service, it was announced yesterday. Graham Sherman, aged 21, was found guilty last month of culpable homicide — the equivalent of manslaughter — after he shot dead his wife Michelle, aged 23, and their baby son, Josh, at the family home at Arbroath, Tayside. The judge Lord Dunpark said Sherman had been punished enough.

Exile murder inquiry

Bulgaria may send prosecutors to Britain in connection with the killing in 1978 of a Bulgarian exile who was stabbed with a poisoned umbrella in London, the Foreign Office said yesterday. Britain suspects that the murder of Georgi Markov, who worked for the BBC's Bulgarian Service, was the work of agents of Bulgaria's then hard-line communist government. Britain has raised the issue again since the fall of Bulgaria's government last year.

IRA extortion threat

An apparent attempt by the IRA to extort £2 million from Ireland's second largest bank by threatening to blow up bank property was made almost two weeks ago, it emerged yesterday (Edward Gorman writes). The threat came to light on Thursday after the Bank of Ireland informed its 7,500 staff. It is understood the demand was made 13 days ago by four men to an employee based in Ulster. The bank has said it will not bow to extortion and has increased security.

Seabed dispute settled

The Court of Session in Edinburgh has confirmed that the seabed around Shetland is part of the Crown Estate. The Shetland Salmon Farmers Association and Lerwick Harbour Trustees had joined with the Crown Estate in the presentation of a special case to resolve the dispute over ownership, which centered on marine fish farming and harbour works. The court ruling has confirmed the Crown Estate's rights of ownership over the seabed out to 12 miles.

Newspaper of the year award goes to Russia

which sells 33 million copies was yesterday named news- evolved into a newspaper and paper of the year.

Argumenty I Fakty was given the title by What The Papers Say, television's longest-running current affairs programme, which moved from Channel 4 to BBC2 last editor of the year.

The paper began 10 years Mirror, was journalist of the ago as a digest of the Soviet year and Mr Peter Millar, of and foreign press aimed The Sunday Times, Foreign and foreign press aimed

A Russian weekly newspaper ege lecturers. Its circulation IU,UUU. GTAQUALIY since glasnost has gathered 33.3 million subscribers.

At the award ceremony in the Savoy Hotel, London. Mr Andreas Whittam-Smith of The Independent was named

Mr Paul Foot, of the Daily nity charge. mainly at university and coll- Correspondent of the Year.

Chief constables criticize new budget controls

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

Britain's chief constables are considering lobbying the Government to change new capital spending controls which they fear could cut spending on equipment and police building works.

The possibility of a dispute with the chief constables comes at a time when Home Office and Treasury, keen to place some control on the annually escalating multibillion-pound police budget, are already at odds with the Police Federation over housing allowances and face a Commons debate on the issue.

The capital funding issue centres on controls for the 42 provincial forces in England and Wales which means they must share in the next

financial year a budget of £90 million for building works and £85 million for vehicles, plant or equipment.

One chief constable has said publicly that the money allocated would barely buy new bicycles let alone replace vehicles that had run up 250,000 miles. In some forces. much of the new money may go on paying bills, and some officers say the budgets, announced 10 days ago, were late and arbitrary.

The chief constables' complaints centre on a change in the method of allocating funds for capital expenditure to which the Home Office contributes 51 per cent. Hitherto, the police and local authorities submitted plans which were then agreed with the Home Office. Under the new system the Home Office controls the budget, setting out what forces can spend and telling them that if they want to spend more then it must come from their own resources such as reserves from property sales. The Home Office will not contribute 51 per cent for anything over the budget figure.

The chief constables say they may have to resort to reserves because of the parlous state of capital investment and the awards have worked out at about a third of each force's requirements.

A police report last week revealed that 82 per cent of the police budget was spent on personnel, leaving insufficient for buildings or equipment. If forces dig into reserves their police authorities will eventually have to look for other means of

ingredient in the next poll tax. The result would be that police funds would become a political issue.

The executive committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers met this week to discuss the situation and forces have been asked urgently to present evidence of the effects of the new budget system.

The Home Office said forces might have complaints. If forces were desperate for new spending they could use their own resources.

The Home Office's potential difficulties with the chief constables are emerging as the federation plans a campaign including a possible judicial review, national newspaper advertisements and the canvassing of MPs for support. The housing allowance changes, which have to be ratified by Parliament, are to be challenged by MPs from both sides

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of the House. The federation leadership fears that the package of pay and con-ditions drawn up in 1978 and accepted for the past decade could now be under threat in spite of the pledges by successive Home Soc-

retaries that it was safe.

The federation's attitude was hardened further with a recent Home Office decision that officers in half the forces in England and Wales will not receive a rent allowance review due on April 1 although other forces received their review last year. The Home Office has now conceded that it can got a rise based on the retail price index.

Kinnock says Tory defeat will serve as notice to quit

Mr Neil Kinnock made a whistle-stop tour of Mid-Staffordshire yesterday and, scenting victory in the air, declared that a Conservative defeat in Thursday's poll would give Mrs Thatcher

notice to quit". The Labour leader arrived as a new local Gallup poll showed Labour ahead of the Conservatives by 19.5 per cent and on course to overturn the Tory majority of 14,654.

During a walk-about in Lichfield, the Labour leader said: "We are going to win and we are going to keep on working for every vote because we want to earn the support we get."

He said victory would be notice to the Government to get out of the way and allow Britain to be ruled by a party which respected democracy. Poll tax, he said, was not the only issue.

Speaking on the steps of Dr Johnson's birthplace, he said:
"The attitudes being expressed and the reasons for Mr King challenged Mrs people moving their votes go much wider than the poll tax. What they see is not an accident of Thatcherism; it is Thatcherism and all the things which have gone wrong and

are going wrong." leadership's defence policy and for £5 billion cuts in the

defence budget Mr Charles Prior, the Tory candidate, insisted he would win in spite of the polls and produced a letter of support from the Prime Minister, which, however, acknowl-edged he would face many questions about the commu-

Mr Kinnock had started his visit at Chartley Hall, the



1987 General election: J Heddle (C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lab) 13,990; T Jones (L/All), 13,114;

country house home in the north of the constituency of Mr David Unwin, owner of transport and plant hire companies, and his wife, Ros. Labour officials said that the couple were supporters who were loaning Mr Kinnock their helicopter to tour the constituency before taking him to Lichfield.

At a Conservative Party press conference, the Secretary of State for Defence said that the £5 billion cuts that Mrs Heal had supported would almost certainly put 1,500 fence-related industries in the

Mr King challenged Mrs Heal to say whether she was in favour of Britain having no nuclear defence while the Soviet Union maintained a actually the essence of nuclear capability targeted on the country.

Last night Mr Kenneth Baker, the Conservative Party Mr Kinnock was campaigning in support of Mrs Sylvia our Party for having nothing Heal, who was challenged by Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence, to explain why she had voted at Labour's annual conference against the Town our has a new theme tune for the Mid-Staffs by-election — "The Sound of Silence", "he said. Mr Kinnock had talked a lot during yesterday's visit but said nothing".

The Liberal Democrat candidate, Mr Tim Jones, was given a boost by a council byelection result in the Western Springs ward of Rugeley, where there is strong Labour support. In Wednesday's night poll, his party narrowly retained the seat over Labour. There are 14 candidates in Thursday's poll.

Spy claims 'wild speculation'

Claims by Conservative MPs that Mr Farzad Bazoft, the journalist executed in Iraq on Thursday, may have been spying for Israel, were "wild speculation", senior staff at The Observer said yesterday.

They reacted angrily to suggestions by Mr Rupert Allason, Conservative MP for Torbay, that it was "highly likely" that Mr Bazoft, who was born in Iran, was working for Israel's intelligence agency, Mossad. "This is ridiculous and absolutely incredible," one of Mr Bazoft's Observer

Mr Donald Trelford, editor of The Observer, said: "If Mr Allason has a single scrap of evidence that Farzad spied for anyone, let him produce it. If not, he should keep his fevered speculation for his books.

"Farzad was a reporter who died a horrible death without a fair trial or appeal. Any attempt to justify his execu-tion or deflect the world's attention from this brutal fact. is beneath contempt."

One Observer executive said: "How many times do we have to say that Farzad was not a spy?

However, in spite of their conviction that Mr Bazoft never worked for either British or Israeli intelligence, Observer journalists were clearly stunned by the disclosure yesterday that Mr Bazoft received an 18-month prison sentence in 1981 for robbing a building society in Brackley, Northamptonshire.

According to Mr Allason, an expert on international espionage, it was probably this conviction that led Mr Bazoft to Mossad.

Mr Allason, who writes books on intelligence under the name Nigel West, said: "I think that Bazoft knew that the moment his criminal conviction became known to The Observer he would have been out on his ear. He probably capitalised on the time he was there and his background by offering himself to the Israelis.

We know now that he offered himself four times to the British police in recent months as an informer. It would be highly likely he would offer himself to the Israelis.'

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, supported the speculations of his Conservative colleague,



at Heathrow Airport yesterday. He went on for an extensive Foreign Office briefing.

credible story of mystery and enigma surrounding the background of this fellow," he said.
"If it is true he gave information to Special Branch; did he give information, as well, to MI6? Perhaps the biggest story of all is yet to be told."

Yesterday, the Foreign Of-fice declined to comment in detail on the claims by the two MPs. A spokesman did say, however, that Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, made it clear in the Commons on Thursday that Mr Bazoft

intelligence. "All he did was to offer information to the Metropoli-Britain," a Whitehall source said. "He was clearly hoping that the police would help to

had no links with British

stand up stories he was work-Conservative MPs also began to question yesterday exactly when Mr Trelford knew about Mr Bazoft's criminal background. On Thursday, Mr Trelford said he knew about the 1981 building soci-

ety robbery only when it was

who runs a guest house in Banbury, Oxfordshire, and who was owed money by Mr Bazoft, said yesterday that she wrote to Mr Trelford last Sunday informing him about the robbery. "Mr Trelford contacted me

this week asking me not to reveal what had happened because his life was hanging by a thread, she said. "I agreed with what he was saying. She said that her husband, Paul, had unwittingly taken

Mr Bazoft to the Heart of England building society at Brackley, two days before the robbery in June 1981.

was having difficulty getting money out of Iran. He told her that he could get it through the building society. Mr Bazoft returned to the

building society 48 hours later claiming to have a bomb and got away with £475 pounds. The "bomb" was later found to be a fake.

Mrs Brain said that police confiscated the money Mr Bazoft gave her but it was revealed in press reports. returned to her nine months

"There now arises an in- However, Mrs Penny Brain, later."He was very plausible and could talk you into any thing," she said of Mr Bazoft. "But I liked him." Mr Bazoft was released after

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serving a year of his sentence. In spite of his trial judge recommending his immediate deportation on release from prison, the Home Office decided to allow him to remain in Britain because he claimed his life would be in danger # he returned to Iran.

Details of Mr Bazoft's criminal background will almost certainly have been on the Foreign Office and Home Office records as a matter of course ever since the un-Mr Bazoft owed £260 rent successful application was 1981. Whitehall sources indicated yesterday.

It was also disclosed yes terday that Mr Bazoft sent a final personal message of apology to Mrs Daphne Parish. The brief oral message was delivered by a senior British diplomat to Mrs Parish in prison near Baghdad.

Officials at the embassy in Baghdad were still attempting to retrieve Mr Bazoft's body

Pre-Budget advice to Major

Fowler leads MPs in appeal for help to families

By Nigel Williamson, Political Staff

Mr John Major, the Chanthe opportunity of his first free income for a single person stakes". Sir Norman repeats Sir Norman, who was Seccellor of the Exchequer who Budget to put this right." had risen by 25 per cent, for a his plea to the Chancellor to retary of State for Social
will spend this weekend "What we should aim to do married couple with two abolish tax on work place Services from 1981 to 1987, finishing his first budget, came under increasing pressure yesterday to "do something" to assist families and working MPs from both sides of the

House urged him to abolish tax on workplace nurseries. Sir Norman Fowler, who resigned two months ago as Secretary of State for Employment in order to spend more time with his family, was the most senior Tory to speak out. of the report. He said that it was an "anomaly" that free car park-

provided by employers taxfree but workplace nurseries are taxed as a fringe benefit. It was a "curious policy", that the major gainers from Sir Norman said. "I do think tax changes under the present right muddle as far as this is concerned. I do hope the the Chancellor will seek and use

is to make it easier for women both to raise families and to pursue a career if that is what the woman herself wants."

However, for the Government, Mr John Patten, the Home Office minister, refused to be drawn. A government working party would report on child care facilities this sum-mer, he said, fuelling speculat-ion that any tax changes would also await the outcome

At the same time, Mr Frank Field, the Labour chairman of ing in central London can be the Commons select committee on social services, and the Family Policy Studies Centre issued figures showing we have got ourselves into a Government had been single people and childless couples. They issued figures showing that while the real value of tax-

children under 11 it had risen by only 18 per cent. Mr Field said: "Despite all

the government rhetoric about protecting the family it has been those without children who have won in the tax



nurseries in an article in today's edition of The Times. In it he also calls for Mr Major to make it easier for employers to provide child-

care vouchers. ing ing the writes: "The case for away" making such vouchers tax exempt is also strong. It would share the cost

between employers and government; but above all it would provide flexibility, leaving the choice to the as well as nurseries." Sir Norman also added his

voice yesterday to a traditional Tory "wet" topic by calling for the retention of universal child benefit. Many fear that if the Conservatives win the next

election they could move to scrap child benefit completely.

appeared to criticize the Gove ernment's refusal after he left the job to raise the benefit in line with inflation, when he said that he was against allowing the benefit to "wither

Sir Norman said: "It never was intended that family credit should take the place of child benefit.

"It would be a serious error to abandon child benefit because I believe it brings help to mother, for vouchers can be countless families in this used to pay for child-minding country. It is a very popular benefit and it is also a very effective benefit,"

Another former minister. Mrs Edwina Currie, said she was not convinced increasing child benefit was the best way. help should be aimed at the poorest families. Taxing choice, page 10

Parliament, page 4

Ministers resist EC horse trade

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

Agriculture ministers are preparing for a long tough fight in Brussels against the threat of a revival of the export of live horses from Britain to the continent for

The EC intends to introduce a community-wide policy on the export of live animals after

Yesterday, it emerged that Mr David Maclean and Mr David Curry, parliamentary secretaries for the department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, were hoping to enlist bureaucracy in an attempt to choke any such trade.

One scheme under consideration is to impose so many regulations governing statutory rest periods, the type of transport, the space required, feeding, watering and quarantine that it would deter exporters. A similar scheme protects wild birds. About £4,6 million of

slaughtered British horsement, the equivalent of 14,000 horses and ponics, is exported annually to the main markets of France, Holland, Italy and Belgium to satisfy a demand for horsemeat.

Most at risk would be Britain's unique native po-nies, living wild or semi-wild on the Welsh hills. Dartmoor. Exmoor, New Forest and



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Probation for wife who helped husband to die

A woman was put on probation for a year by Leeds Crown Court yesterday after pleading guilty to aiding and abetting her husband's suicide.

Mrs Karen Taylor, 36, gave her hasband Mr David Taylor, who was suffering from multiple sclerosis, a combination of 70 painkillers and

Mr Taylor, 37, of Foxhill Avenue, Queensbury, near Bradford, later died from bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs Taylor's father, Mr Dennis Cooper, 63, who also admitted the charge, was given a similar sentence. Mr Justice French told Mrs Taylor: "No one can listen to the tragic history of Mr Taylor's last years and last days

without the deepest sympathy both for

him and for his family. No one can

hear, as I have heard, the fearful promise which he exacted from you without appreciating the appalling dilemma in which he placed you.

"You had either to break the law and assist the death of the man you loved or you had to break a solemn promise given to that same man.

"The course which you chose was that which you believed to be the kindest for him and equally the course which you knew to be the harshest for

The judge said that it should not be thought that any court could condone such offences. "The court will look with care as to the steps which are necessary in the blic interest to be taken in each

individual case. But having considered

this case with the greatest care the conclusion I come to is that it would not be in the public interest to sentence you to any formal sentence of punish-

Mr Anton Lodge, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Taylor died shortly before midday on Sunday, July 2, last year from bronchial pueumonia, which had been "undoubtedly hastened if not caused" by multiple sclerosis, which he had suffered from since 1980.

The disease had been diagnosed the following year - the year Mr and Mrs Taylor had planned to start a family. Mr Taylor, a Yorkshire Water Authority civil engineer who had a first-class degree in engineering, had been a very fit, sporting and active

man with a happy marriage. Mr Lodge said: "Mr Taylor was aware of his condition and the burden he felt he was putting on others. He was subject to bouts of depression and spoke often "According to Mrs Taylor he asked

her when multiple sclerosis was first diagnosed to promise to help him to end his life if his quality of life got to where he did not like it. She agreed and hoped it would never happen." Mr Brian Cox, for the defence, said

discouraged him from thoughts of suicide. "What she did was solely for ber hasband." Mrs Cooper and Mr Taylor's parents all denied the same charge

and were found not guilty by the judge.

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to place 'white' girl with black family

The white mother of a threeyear-old girl in council care is to fight plans that could lead to her child being placed with a black family for adoption, it was disclosed yesterday.

The child, who looks white and has been with white foster parents for over a year, is classed by Liverpool City Council as being of mixed race because her great-grandfather know all about that. I have not was black, a town hall spokes-stopped caring about her. I man confirmed.

The council is anxious to mother said. place children of mixed-race backgrounds with similar families and is reviewing the

However, the solicitor acting for the mother believes the council is out of order and he is ready to seek a judicial review in the High Court to prevent the child being adopted by a black family.

Last week the mother was told that the council is seriously considering taking the child away from the white foster parents with a view to placing her with a black family for adoption," Mr Philip Canter, a member of the solicitors' child care panel, said.

legal proceedings but will consider going to the High Court if necessary."

The mother, aged 28, who has three other children, has kept in contact with her

killed in the Clapham rail

disaster was yesterday awarded £106,881 agreed

damages against British Rail.

Ives Gardens, Bournemouth,

Dorset, was among the 35 who

At the High Court Mr

died in the crash in December

ted liability at an early stage.

The judge said he was glad

reach terms "which are

SALEROOM

Ferrari is

expected to

fetch £9m

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

A Ferrari considered so im-

portant by Sotheby's that it

has been given its own single-

lot sale is expected to fetch £9

million at auction on May 21.

won three consecutive world

GT championships from 1962

to 1964. The climax and end

of its career was in 1965, when

it came first in the GT class at

"Rarely does a car of this

provenance survive more

than 25 years with no modific-

ations to the original specifica-

tions," Mr Malcolm Barber, of

The Ferrari has been con-

signed by Mr Robin M. Rubin, an American collector

and owner of a racing circuit

● A controversial exhibition

of Victorian paintings opens

at the Manchester City Art

to fetch up to £2.5 million at a

Sotheby's auction on June 19.

• The Noortman Gallery

raised £650,000 for "Laughing

Children with a Cat" by Jud-

ith Leyster, the Dutch 17th

century artist, at the European

Fine Art Fair in Maastricht

yesterday. A beach scene by Boudin sold for £100,000 at

The complaint is that a public gallery is being used as a showcase for the art market.

It includes works from the British Rail Pension Fund collection which are expected

the Paris Grand Prix.

Sotheby's, said.

on Long Island.

Galleries today.

The 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO

The husband of Mrs Carol

The widow of a money broker settle this matter".

Perry-Lewis, aged 43, of St after the loss and tragedy we

15 months.

daughter to stay with the white families of a similar backfoster family and had thought that they would eventually be allowed to adopt her. The

girl's father is also white. "I feel my daughter would be better off with the family who are looking after her now She will be told all about her family background and culture by them. I want her to want her to be happy," the

Mr Canter said the mother was worried that the child would face problems if she were placed with a black or mixed-race family.

"My client does not want a tragedy to happen. We want the council to think again. We feel the child will face problems when she is older if she is placed with a black family. She looks white, her mother looks white.

"The council have actually gone back as far as her great-grandfather from the West Indies to class her as black," he said.

A council spokesman said last night that the case was We would rather not take being reviewed and as the child was a ward of court her future would be decided by a judge once the council's recommendations had been made at the end of May.

"We have no policy as such daughter through phone calls on these matters but wherever foster parents. She wants her children of mixed race with

After the short hearing Mrs

Perry-Lewis said: "Its appall-

ing that my family and I have

had to come to court in order

to achieve a sensible figure

have been through in the last

ground. At the end of the day we must take into account what is best for the child," the

In this case the situation is being reviewed. There is no suggestion that the child must be placed with a mixed-race or black family. We are looking into every possibility.

New guidelines on adoption and fostering were issued by the Government in January. The Department of Health told local authorities that in the vast majority of cases a child should be placed with a family of the same ethnic origin, but there was no absolute rule that a black child should always be placed with a

Just a few days before the guidelines were issued a black mother failed in her High Court attempt to win back her six-year-old daughter from white foster parents. The judge, Mr Justice Scott Baker, described the case as "heartrending" and ruled that the arguments for leaving the child with the family which had cared for her for six years

In another much-publi-cized case the House of Lords decided last November that a white foster mother should hand over a 17-month-old mixed-race boy she had brought up since a few days and photographs from the possible we like to place after his birth to black foster

were overwhelming.

Mother fights move Inventor sailing into the future

Technology Correspondent A high-speed "wingsail" tri-maran is undergoing trials at Plymouth Sound in prepara-tion for a world-wide launch. The design of the 30ft Zefyr is claimed to be revolutionary, making yachting accessible to

even the most resolute land-

Like a car, the craft can reverse and do three-point turns. It is steered from a racing car-style cockpit and can reach speeds of up to 25

Instead of elaborate rigging and sails, the vessel is fitted with an aircraft-style wing that is moved by computer to take best advantage of wind direction and strength. Power is delivered to the

housed at the sail's apex with a tiny wind generator provid-ing additional energy. The captain can stop the craft either by disengaging the sail, allowing him to coast into port, or by turning the wing against the wind bringing the

craft to a rapid balt. The trimaran is the invention of Mr John Walker, of Walker Wingsail Systems, Plymouth.

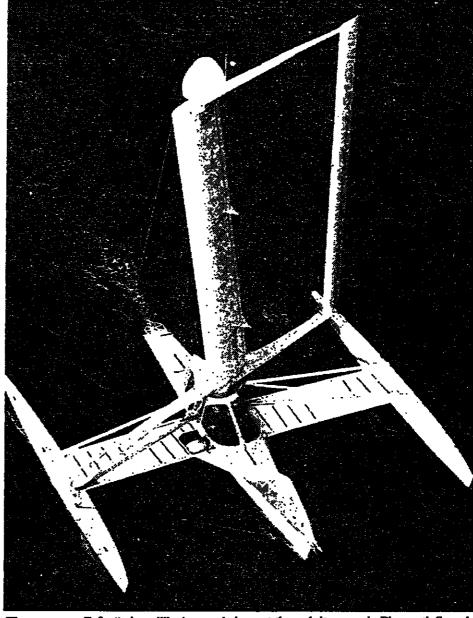
A former aerospace engineer who worked on Concorde, he has been developing the idea of yachts and ships powered by "wingsail" since the 1960s.

His plans have attracted interest from ocean-going liner and freighter operator The fall in the price of oil in the past decade put paid to earlier dreams of powering the

world's fleets from the sun and

the wind.

However with renewed concern for the environment, Mr Walker believes such schemes may again be viable.



The prototype Zefyr "wingsail" trimaran being put through its paces in Plymouth Sound.

Clapham victim's widow awarded £106,000 | Law Fair students pick public sector

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Students hunting for jobs in in Islington, North London, the legal professions are turn- all her information had been ing increasingly towards the distributed and throughout all public sector such as magistrates' courts, to "public interest" work and to Europe, judging by the first national

Law Fair yesterday.

More than 5,000 students attended the two-day fair organized by London University's careers advisory service in association with The Times and the Law Society, and the verdict was that it had been an

unqualified success. The Crown Prosecution Service, the Magistrates' Courts' Service and the Euro-'deluged" with applications. Mr Allan Director of Public Prosecutions, who worked for a while

dents were keen to know

about vacancies. students' job plans. The Euromore than 400 inquiries from students and 200 requests for

application forms. Ms Laura Jackson, of the

three staff on the stand were fully occupied. She noted a particular interest from women "because the Commission is attractive for women entrants and seeks

to give them equal career Although the normal cut-off ge for entrants is 35. the Commission will take women who have had a family up to

six years after that. Both the Legal Aid Practitioners' Group and the Mag-

istrates' Courts' Service also pean Commission were all reported "exceptional" in-LAPG, said: "Students have

been very pleased to be able to on the CPS stand, said stu- find out about legal aid firms." So far big City firms still retain an edge with many The advent of 1992 is students because of their already having an impact on sponsorship through finals courses. But they increasingly pean Commission received have to compete with sponsorship from the public sector.

Miss Anne-Marie Martin, senior careers advisor at London University, said the Commission's London office, fair had been a huge success said by the end of the first day and next year it was likely to at the Business Design Centre be expanded.

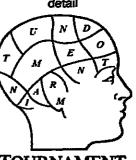


A Major Budget dilemma

 Budget Day is approaching with interest and mortgage rates at a high. inflationary pressures at large, and the

Conservative Party fortunes plunging in the opinion polls. How will Chancellor John Major respond in the first televised Budget speech?

On Tuesday, The Times Economics Editor Rodney Lord examines the options open to Mr Lawson's successor and on Wednesday, in an in-depth eight-page special report, The Times examines Mr Major's solutions in



TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

 Thousands of readers are more than half-way through the challenge of The Times Tournament of the Mind 1990. Round 11 today offers the chance to test your word power

 Entrants are playing to win £5,000 or, for the school team, a Hewlett Packard computer

 All who enter the Tournament will receive a special certificate. Your chance at the prizes is on page 44

Plus

 On Monday, The Times makes a special, pre-publication offer of the 1990 Guide to Museums and Galleries

 This year's new, revised edition will be ager and more det than ever, with 23 pages of full-colour maps, and with more than 800 museums offering Times Passport concessions

PORTFOLIO

 There were no valid claims in yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum competition, so the prize money on Monday is doubled to £4,000

damages sum to the couple's son Mathew, now 15. and I think we have all accident. The case was the first arising suffered more than enough." out of the disaster to reach the

She said that at first British courts over the question of Rail offered her "very small damages. British Rail admit- amounts" as compensation

the parties had been able to hearing. Mrs Perry-Lewis, who

set said she had already written to her Bournemouth West MP, Mr John Butterfield. She would also be writing to Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, about the conduct

She added: "I think British Rail have treated the bereaved families and the many badly Justice Drake approved an injured people very, very award of £13,000 out of the shabbily. I think it is appalling that we have had to do this reaved in the Clapham

and the case was only settled just before yesterday's this matter"

thought to be satisfactory to works as an employment and it was hoped he would go

said: "It was a generous offer in line with our policy of making fair offers of compensation to those be-

During the hearing Mr Charles Pugh, QC, for Mrs Perry-Lewis, said British Rail had at a very early stage "admitted responsibility in

The couple's son Mathew was now about to sit O levels

consultant in Wimborne. Dor- on to take A levels and then to spokesman, however, put the further education. He was a "great cricketer"

who played at schoolboy and only been received on March county level. His mother had a significant offer of settlement last income of her own and paid for his unkeen

The £13,000 approved by The British Railways Board the judge would be placed in a special investment account for injury had been settled out of the boy. arising out of bereavement Mr Perry-Lewis was said to

have been earning £20,000 a had also been settled. year, with a company car, as husiness development assistant manager for a firm called R.P Martin. Lawyers for Mrs Perrv-

Lewis said the delay in settlement was the result of a dispute about which formula to use in calculating the amount of compensation. A British Rail Board to settle down.'

because they are waiting for a claimant's medical condition Baroness's

delay down to the fact that

final details of the claim had

6. British Rail had made its

He said that by the begin-

ning of this month, 177 of the

392 claims arising out of

court and six of the 35 claims

He said many of the

outstanding cases had not

been settled because final

claims had not been received.

claimants have delayed

submitting final details for

one reason or another partly

"Solicitors representing

Wednesday.

home plan' Baroness Susan de Stempel had a "sinister" plan to keep her aunt, Lady Illingworth, behind barred windows in a house on the Channel Islands, Birmingham Crown Court was told yesterday.

The move to Alderney was an attempt to escape tax on her wealth, the court was told. Baron Michael de Stempel told West Mercia police that he "vaguely" remembered

discussing with a friend a ground-floor room with barred windows, where Lady Illingworth would live. He said: "I think Susan said Lady Illingworth might wan-

der into the road and ect killed, but she may have had some sinister motive. "I now think that Susan was

The Baron told police that he was "coerced" by the Baroness into buying a £105.000 house in Alderney out of his £750,000 inheritance from his father.

estate agents under coercion. I told her it was wrong that Lady Illingworth should be taken out of England," the The purchase of the house



Policewoman commended Rugby tackle felled raider 'sinister

Mr Michael Sayers, for the

"He was remarkable naive.

defence, said that Vassillou

had turned to crime to pay for

robbing the same building

society three times and then

holding up the Bradford and

Bingley, which was just down

the road. His gun was no more

his gambling addiction.

on a video camera.

A policewoman sprint cham-pion was awarded £100 in the Central Criminal Court yes-and helped her to arrest the himself. The raids were filmed terday for chasing and tackling

an armed robber. Constable Sharon Kenyon, aged 22, left two men colbefore bringing him down with a rugby tackle.

Judge Lewisohn said: "She is to be highly commended. She showed remarkable courage and led the chase before tackling the defendant. She was told he was armed and was not to know that the gun he was carrying was an

imitation. Miss Kenyon is based at Wood Green police station in north London and is the holder of a police record for sprinting.

Panicos Vassillou, of Victor Villas, Great Cambridge Road, Edmonton, north London, was jailed for six years. The court was told that Vassiliou had carried out four raids on two different building societies between March 3 and June 3 last year. In all, he had escaped with nearly £6,000.

Mrs Carol Beary, aged 35, a building society clerk at the Bradford and Bingley Building Society in Wood Green High Street, had alerted the police after spotting Vassillou three days after he had robbed the building society.

The judge awarded Mrs Beary £400 for her public spiritedness.

The chase began with Vassillou darting down a side street. The policewoman soon caught up with the raider and and helped her to arrest the

robber. Mr Anthony Wilcken, for the prosecution, said Vassiliou had robbed Alliance and Leicester building society in leagues far behind as she Wood Green High Street three chased Panicos Vassillou, times. He had become so aged 22, for about 100 yards familiar that, on the third Wood Green High Street three occasion, one of the women clerks had shouted out: "Look out, girls, we are going to be

raided again." On all the raids, Vassillou



a very sinister person."

"Susan made me go to the Baron told police.

in Alderney later fell through. Michael de Stempel, aged 60. Marcus Wilberforce, aged 28. and Sophia Wilberforce. aged 27, all deny conspiring to steal the former society hostess's fortune. Baroness Susan de Siempel has pleaded guilty to five charges of theft and two of forgery. The case

Filmed in the act: Vassilion while on a building society raid.

Surrey judge urges young Scot to take high road A judge in Surrey yesterday advised a young defendant to "go back up north", telling him: "You're a Scot and you don't speak English." Judge Ellison, who said he bad spensed such advice before, added:

When you should be saying 'Yes' you say 'Aye' ... I strongly recommend you pack up your things and go back

Karl Mowberry, aged 21 who was born in Dundee, admitted assaulting

Gaildford Crown Court was told that the unemployed painter ran up that the michigan project painter ran up behind his victims and tried to fondle thes. Mowberry had moved south in stages, first to Blyth in Northumberland and then on to Wimbledon, south London, where he was living in a YMCA bostel and had become mixed up in drug-taking.

The judge told the court he was

known for advising defendants to

"My name has been bandled about se I recommended a man should go back to Barrow-in-Furness. Everyone thought that was offensive but

quite why I do not know. "I know Blyth and I can understand your problems with finding work, what with the coal-mining industry having

gone down hill and ship-building no

longer existing. But I strongly recomyou pack up your things and go back home. "You don't know anybody down

here and you might think it far more sensible to go back to Northumberland or perhaps to Newcastle or west to Carlisle. There are all sorts of "If you want to stay here you can but

it is only when you moved south that

you got mixed up with people with drugs. You want to keep out of their hands." Judge Ellison said he was satisfied from a medical report that Mowberry only got involved in drugs which may

have been responsible for his behav iour when he moved to London. He sentenced Mowberry to nine onths in prison but said he should be freed at the end of the day after he was told the length of time he had spent

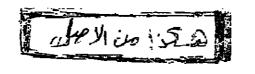
behind bars while on remand.

Last May, Judge Ellison caused controversy when he told an alcoholic who appeared before him at Reading. Berkshire, that he was a social nuisance and a menace to society and not wanted in the South.

Judge Ellison, a former Royal Navy officer, suggested that the man should go back to Barrow to try to get a job in



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By Edward Gorman Irish Affairs Correspondent

In spite of appearances to the contrary, the Government believes that political progress in Northern Ireland is still possible and that the "Brooke initiative" may yet bear fruit.

Recent developments have cast doubt on the likelihood of Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, being able to draw together Northern Ireland's constitutional parties for talks on the future government there.

Meetings which be has held with party leaders, most recently with the Unionists in London on Thursday, appear to have achieved little more than to establish the basis of the problem and to define the extent of party differences.

Mr James Molyneaux, of the Ulster Unionist Party, and Dr Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionist Party, have made it clear they will not talk until the Government declares in advance that it is prepared to replace the Anglo-Irish Agreement and then agree to suspend the Angio-Irish Conference and Secretariat.

Mr John Hume, leader of the national-

ist Social Democratic and Labour Party, is prepared to talk but only if the agreement is left untouched. Dublin, meanwhile, remains nervous of any attempts by the Government to accede to Unionist demands, particularly over suspension of the secretariat. There has been no sign of the required fundamental shift in any of the parties that would enable Mr Brooke to break out of this

In addition, this week's decision by the Irish Supreme Court not to extradite two escaped prisoners, and an earlier decision reaffirming the Republic of Ireland's territorial claim over the Six Counties, have made it even more difficult for Unionists to consider conciliation.

The party leaders have remained restrained. In the lower ranks, however, Unionists are no longer disguising their hopes that Mr Brooke will fail. Government sources seem anxious to point out that, however difficult it may be to see from outside, there is a process of ful of past errors, the Government is "political maturing" going on.

The government is encouraged most by what officials regard as a common desire among the constitutional party leaders in the North, and Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, for talks and for progress, even if no one can agree in advance what such talks might

The Government believes the three main parties in Northern Ireland are largely in agreement that power in some form must return to Belfast, and each recognizes that they must talk with each other as well as with Dublin and London.

Official sources emphasize that, mind-

adopting a cautious "enabling" approach and great care will be taken to ensure that even if the process temporarily runs out of steam, it will not be allowed to grind to an indefinite halt and thereby make future initiatives have to

start from square one. Officials believe the present phase of "exploratory" discussions will reach a conclusion some time in May or July when there may be an attempt to proceed or to put the process on hold.

As an example of the positive attitude among Unionist leaders in particular, officials quote the decision by both Dr Paisley and Mr Molyneaux not to succumb to the temptation to use the

extradition decision as a present to past out of the whole process when they mee Mr Brooke.

The widow of Mr Harold McCusher the Ulster Unionist MP who died of cancer last month, is seeking to replace

him in the House of Commons. Mrs Jennifer McCusker said she was to seek the party's nomination for her late husband's Upper Bann constitu

uency. She said her move came after approaches by friends and supporters. Mrs McCusker was for many years her bushand's agent and secretary and largely looked after the constituency in his declining months.

Mr McCusker had a majority of 17,361 at the last general election.

council to seize the pos-

Mrs Carole Banks, aged 22

who has lived in the village for

eight years, said: "They can't

make us pay. I don't see how they can if we haven't got the

"The services don't exist

here so why should we pay the same as everybody else? If

they send the bailiffs here they

Mrs Rozia Stockwell and her husband are equally reso-

lute. "With two small children

we have about £40 a week

after the rent is paid. How are

will find us waiting.

money.

privacy law to stop press intrusions

who gatecrashed their way state to agree to what hap-into the hospital room of pened and, within 15 minutes, star were guilty of a "mon- the reporting team out, he had senior judge said yesterday.

Lord Justice Bingham and his fellow Court of Appeal judges, Lords Justices Glidewell and Leggatt, said that what circumstances statutory what happened to Mr Kaye provision can be made to highlighted the need for new laws to protect the privacy of

The judges issued a court Sunday Sport can publish as a result of its reporting team's unauthorized visit to Mr Kaye in Charing Cross Hospital, central London, where he was recovering from brain injuries received when a piece of wood smashed through the windscreen of his car during the January gales.

The court banned the Sun- ham said: "If ever a person has day Sport from publishing a right to be left alone by anything indicating that Mr strangers with no public in-Kaye had consented to the interview and photographs on be when he lies in hospital the ground that the actor had recovering from brain surgery an arguable case that this and in no more than partial would be "malicious command of his faculties. It is

However the judges allowed the paper's appeal against a plaint. Yet it alone, however wider-ranging ban granted by a High Court judge on other grounds, including alleged libel and trespass to the person. The High Court had imposed a total ban on publication of any photograph taken of Mr Kaye, and any statement made by him, at the hospital.

Lord Justice Glidewell said that on February 13 the reporter and photographer from the Sunday Sport described in court as a lurid and sensational paper which of press freedom could only be advertised pornographic ma- ensured by the enforcement of terial - ignored notices a right to privacy. specifying who could visit Mr That right had been long

A reporter and photographer his consent. He was in no fit Gorden Kaye the 'Allo 'Allo after security staff had thrown strons invasion of privacy", a no recollection of the incident.

"The facts of the case are a graphic illustration of the desirability of Parliament considering whether and in protect the privacy of individuals," the judge said.

Lord Justice Bingham said the case illustrated the law's failure to protect the personal privacy of individual citizens. "The defendants' conduct towards Mr Kaye was a monstrous invasion of his pricy," he said.

Mr Andrew Robertson, the paper's editor, had described the interview as "a great oldfashioned scoop" However Lord Justice Bing-

terest to pursue, it must surely this invasion of his privacy which underlies this comgross, does not entitle him to relief in English law."

Mr Kaye was entitled only to a limited injunction, pend-ing a full hearing of his complaint, because he had an arguable case that it would be a malicious falsehood to state that he had given his consent.

Lord Justice Leggatt said the time had come for shortcomings in the law relating to people's privacy to be put right. Protection against abuse

Kaye. They interviewed him disregarded and laws were and took photographs without needed quickly on the issue.

Global warming is 'main Green issue'

By Kerry Gill

important issue facing too late. "green" campaigners, one of the movement's leading figures said yesterday.

Mr George Campbell, development officer of the Scottish Green Party, said he was convinced that the recent unusual weather trends, such as milder winters, record rainfall, drought and hurricanes, were a result of the way the earth was being

He told the party's annual conference in Glasgow: "Sci- priate policies in transport, ence, of course, is saying that it is too early to tell, and that more research needs to be energy, agriculture, forestry, fishing and planning to ensure that we develop our environdone before they can really be mental potential positively, sure. Unfortunately, by the she said.

Global warming was the most time they are sure, it will be

"We should at every attempt draw the political debate to the time-bomb that is global warming. As Greens who take the long-term view on progress, that is the most imperative issue we face."

Another speaker, Mrs Isobel Lindsay, the national con-venor for the Campaign for a Scottish Assembly, said Scotland had great environmental opportunities and problems.

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Judges back | The unlikely revolutionaries of Bishop's Green way of any bailiffs scut by the

By Ray Clancy

The village of Bishop's Green in Berkshire is the least likely spawning ground for revolutionaries imaginable.

Yet hand-painted "fight the poll tax" posters were evident in almost every window of the village yesterday. The revoit had begun in the local shop, where residents were only too ready to sign a petition as they bought bread and milk.

Nestling in the rolling hills between the Tory strongholds of Newbury in Berkshire and Basingstoke in Hampshire, the village has become a blot on the Conservative landscape, with over 200 of its 300 inhabitants declaring that they will not pay the tax.

Over the garden fences, the main topic of conversation is the community charge.

Mr Ron Allan, who runs the village's only shop, started up the anti-poll tax petition two weeks ago, without realizing he was sparking a revolution.

"The strength of feeling has amazed me. Many of us would rather go to prison than pay. People come in for a pint of milk and sign the petition. They all tell me they won't be paying," Mr Allan said. He used to pay £700 in rates, but now faces a bill of almost £3,000 because of the new system of business rates. The reason for the disquiet

is easy to pinpoint. The village has no street lights, no post office, no telephone box, no newspaper delivery service, no pub and just one bus a day. Most of the council houses have peeling paint and the once bright front doors are drab. Refuse is collected once a week but, somehow, heaps of cardboard boxes in the gutters are missed and a large skip in the village square is

overflowing with everything from dried-up old Christmas

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litter bin is outside the village street to a neighbour's house her husband used to pay £28 a their jobs, it seems you are shop and the swings in the you need a torch. I don't see week in rent and rates. To pay better off unemployed. It will children's playground are why we should pay. I won't the £329 poll tax set by mean less at Christmas for all pay," said Mrs Patricia Price Basingstoke and Deane Bor- of us. Holidays? That's a joke "We have nothing here. It is aged 36, who has lived in ough Counil they will need to We never lethal after dark for the child. Bishop's Green for 11 years find another £10 a week. "We Price said.

trees to black bags full of ren, especially in the winter. If and has four children aged simply can't afford it. No The villagers have been household rubbish. The only you want to walk across the between three and 14. She and wonder some people give up holding regular meetings and

Villagers of Bishop's Green in Berkshire gather under the banner proclaiming their defiance. The village has few amenities. We never have one," Mrs

we supposed to pay over £656 in poll tax?" she said. Mr Charlie Housell, aged 59, has only the simple plea-sure of walking his dog Cindy **Vid v 1** for amusement. "There are no Edinburg soon see

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amenities here. When I take the bus into Newbury to collect my invalidity benefit it costs me almost £2.50 in fares, so I only go out of the village when I need to get the money," he said. His one-bedroomed house is opposite the village shop, and he has become an an-

thority on who is going to pay the poll tax and who is not. He often goes into the shop to encourage people to sign the petition. "The poll tax is just going to make the rich richer and people like us poorer. It is a disgrace. If I want to make a

difficult for me," Mr Hounsell, who is disabled, said. There are no anti-poll tax posters behind the high wire fence that separates the village from a handful of houses where the families of American servicemen, who work at Greenham Common near by, live. A large signs says that those houses are on a private

telephone call I have to walk

two miles, which is very

Councils double charges for second-home owners Almost every owner of a second home in England and What second home categories to deal with every ing just one poll tax under owners will pay double -£562. is likely the site owner will pay double -£562. is likely the site owner will pay double pass on any increase in basi-

Wales will have to pay double poli tax bills regardless of the size of the property or the amount of time they use it, according to a survey by The Times (Ray Clancy writes).
The charges vary from £380

in the Brecon Beacons in Powys to the £790 being levied by Torbay Borough Council, Devon, which covers the "English Riveria" resorts of Torquay and Paiguton.

It is up to each local authority to decide how much to charge on empty property, holiday homes and second homes up to a maximum of twice the personal charge. Almost all have opted for the maximum on second homes. No distinction is drawn between a weekend cottage, a

pied-à-terre for business in the

resort or a flat. As long as it is furnished, the owner is liable in most cases to pay double. Each council has drawn up

moved away but are having difficulty selling their property and those required to live in an area because of their job. For example, Brighton, which has about 4,500 second

and holiday homes, has decided to charge £744, twice the personal charge, but it is willing to look at cases where a person is required to stay elsewhere because of employment.

Property that is unfurnished and empty is likely to be exempt from poll tax for the first three months. Holiday or second homes where planning restrictions prevent year-round habitation or which are undergoing structural repairs may be exempt for six months,

been granted but some councils are willing to extend that period if a family is having gennine difficulty selling up.
In Cornwall, Devon and

Dorset, three of the most popular areas with secondhome owners the double poll tax bills are much higher than average rates last year. North Coruwall District

Council is charging £600, yet average rates last year were £320. Bournemouth Borough Council will collect about £1.28 million from its 2,000 second-home owners who face bills of £640.

Owners of beach huts in King's Lyan, Norfolk, will pay only the personal charge but

three months after probate has the Gower peninsula, West Glamorgan, to £481. However, Rushcliffe district from second home owners

council in Nottinghamshire is only levying a single personal charge, which is £394 on second home owners and half that for owners of riverside chalets. In Scotland, where the poll

tax was introduced a year ago, most councils charged a dou-ble amount on second homes 1990/91 to a single charge or one and a half times it. Throughout the country,

property used for holiday let-ting for 140 days a year or more is subject to the new uniform business rate.

property should be exempt for charge amounts to £700 and on ness rates by higher charges. Boroughs in London are set to collect millions of pounds who are mostly businesse

working in the City during the week and MPs who have homes in their consituency. Westminster City Council, which has set one of the lowest poll taxes in the country at £195, is confident of collecting

£5 million from second-home owners paying double the personal charge.

Poli tax losers far outnumber winners in Scotland's

biggest region, according to a survey by Strathclyde University's Department of Govern-ment published yesterday. It shows that residents in 15 of Caravans on holiday sites Strathclyde's 19 districts are the area's 3,000 second-home are not liable for poll tax but it worse off under the tax.

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PARLIAMENT

Fowler says child benefit must not wither away the wife combining care of the family and work was another matter. Wives would like more

Child benefit should neither be abolished nor allowed to wither away, Sir Norman Fowler, for-mer Secretary of State for Employment and for Social Services, argued in his first Commons speech since resign-ing from the Cabinet in January.

In a debate on family policy he also said that in his Budget next week, Mr John Major should abolish the tax on the fringe benefit of workplace Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C), a former Home Office minister, opening the debate, said that a coherent and all-

embracing family policy was needed. The traditional institution of marriage was still the best mechanism for bringing up Britain, with Denmark, had the highest divorce rate in the

European Community. A high proportion of crime was committed by people from broken homes. A campaign for mar-riage could be at least as valuable as one against drugtaking and Aids. He did not know that it was

right to adopt a no-fault policy in divorce. The middle-aged man who abandoned his wife in favour of a pretty young girl did ponsibility. A case was put forward for tax

relief on nursery or day care for working mothers, but why tip the balance in favour of mothers who were working and therefore also in receipt of an income? Child benefit had strong advantages. It was neutral and went to all mothers, whether

working or not. "If we increased child benefit **FAMILY POLICY**

by enough it could go to help the unmarried mothers and single parents, who exist in such large numbers, without spotlighting them and without having to find a specific benefit to support "It is a bit absurd to go on

grumbling about child benefit on the grounds that it is in-discriminate, yet to support tax allowances of all shapes and sizeswhich are, to put it mildly, most cases they discriminate in favour of the better off."

Child benefit had to be uprated if it was to be meaningful, but there was a case for something more dramatic. "It would be possible to double child benefit if we were to scrap the tax allowance to married couples and unmarried

couples without children. The case for those who have children to receive this benefit rather than those who are married, is a very powerful one. That would not happen over-night. It should be phased in, but that is the direction to move

Sir Norman Fowler (Sutton Coldfield, C) said that it was one thing not to uprate child benefit over one or two years, but another to make that a permanent policy. He would oppose

"I would certainly oppose the abolition of child benefit and I would oppose a policy of allowing it simply to wither away." It would be a serious error to



Mrs Currie: Sneering at working mothers is wrong. abandon child benefit. It was a popular benefit.

The tax on workplace nurs-eries should be abolished in next week's Budget. Since early 1985, employers' subsidies to workplace nurseries had been taxed as a fringe benefit. It was wrong to say that women who worked were un-

able to bring up their families. It

was very much in the interests

of the Government and the country that women should go Government policy should aim to make it easier for women to raise families and pursue a career, if that was what women chose. That was one of the most profound challenges of the 1990s. It was a challenge that he

hoped the Government could Dr John Reid (Motherwell North, Lab) said that if children jungle one could not be sur-prised when they behaved like animals. That was what had happened to many children, Thatcher's children. The poll tax was a feudmaking and family-breaking tax. Children in Scotland were

being told: "Pay up or pack up." Mrs Edwine Carrie (South Derbyshire, C), the former health minister, said that she was not convinced that higher child benefits were the best way to help families with children. Help could be better directed to the poorest families.

Tax relief on child care would cost far less than the £5 billion on child benefit. The six-fold increase in the

divorce rate since 1970 was appalling. It was painful and affected an enormous number of children. Four hundred children a day went through parents divorce and this was a national tragedy. Anyone who sneered at work-

mothers was wrong. A fulfilled woman was a happy woman and a happy woman often made a happy family. "My family would never find it acceptable if I was stuck at home whingeing." She did not want to pressure

women to work. There should be a choice. But if the care of children was so important, it should not be left to women, welfare, unpleasant decisions Children needed both parents, would have to be taken. More than 70 per cent of women worked. A majority of women with children worked.

being selfish. It is not women going out to work. It is the chap who comes home, thinks that everything is done without his help or intervention, expects warm slippers, a hot supper and, dare I say, a steaming bed afterwards. There will be some women who find fulfilment in providing it. Some of us try to do that with a job as well."

Eighty per cent of new jobs being created would have to be filled by women in the next five years, but polis showed that a high proportion of women would be prepared to return to work if there was some child care provision.

Workplace nurseries were not the complete answer. They involved long journeys and a child had to find somewhere else after the age of five.

Child care vouchers were a better idea. They were not convertible into cash. They were flexible. The problem was that they were taxed even more heavily than workplace benefit. Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) said that if families and individuals were to be freed

from the trap of means-tested One of those decisions would be to say that when a universal benefit was increased, that did That meant that the majority of not necessarily mean increasing families had resolved many of the rate for means-lested supthe issues. Whether they were port by the same proportion.

A large increase in child benefit, for example, should not be matched by increasing income support to the same level, otherwise there would be no chance of taking families off means-tested welfare. help. "I exclude my husband from this because he is super. "In the end we know who is Mr Julian Brazier (Canter-bury, C) said that he was

> mothers, whose husbands were working to be transferred to the husbands. Miss Joan Lester, Opposition spokesman on children, said that there was a danger that if employers provided child care provision for working mothers they might remove it in time of recession. It was better to have a Government co-ordinated

opposed to tax relief on child care facilities. It would be better

to permit tax allowances for

Child benefit should be uprated in the Budget. The universal concept of the benefit should be preserved.

She was also concerned at the addiction of many children to fruit machines, causing them to play truant from school. The parents of young gamblers were very worried about what was happening to their children.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, said that he was prepared to shoulder the blame for many things, but not for having failed to prevent people from parting. But we must shoulder the responsibility to do all we possibly can for those trying not to part."

Marriages may be made in Heaven, but government could help with the maintenance

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through" in the search for a reliable method of testing whether food has been tradiated

"We are making very substantial progress in detec-tion techniques," Dr Cecil McMurray, Chief Scientific Officer at the Department of Agriculture in Belfast, said.

The absence of a reliable test has been one of the main arguments used by those opposed to irradiation, a process which the Government main-tains could significantly re-duce food poisoning.

is allowed only for sterilizing certain hospital diets. The Government however intends to permit wider use of the technology under proper controls. It is already permitted in

Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has promised that all irradiated food will be clearly labelled (even restaurants will have to state on their menus be able to announce "signifiwhether they are using any) so cant new developments in the that consumers are given a

Government scientists yes- will not be possible to enforce it might be possible to use the terday announced a "break- labelling regulations without for a any means of testing whether testing foodstuffs have been been irradiated.

Dr McMurray and researchers at the department's laboratories at Queen's University, where a large part of research on food irradiation is carried out, say they have found a way of determining whether poultry containing bone has been irradiated.

Using a technique known as electron spin resonance spectroscopy, they are able to detect the presence of stable free radicals - unpaired elec-At present food irradiation trons - in the bone, which are induced by irradiation and would not be there if the meat had not been treated.

> Further research is being done to see whether it will be possible to measure the exact dose of irradiation administered. Researchers are confident their testing method will produce results "robust enough" to stand up in court.

The department expects to near future". These are to be disclosed in the scientific jour-Critics of irradiation say it nal Nature. Dr McMurray said

same testing technique to pick up the free radicals in microscopic fragments of shell in

"There are also other tech niques which could have an application for a wider range of foods," he said.

The scientists say irradiation has been proved to destroy salmonella and listeria bacteria in poultry at a level of dosage that poses no threat to

They believe the technique could also be used commercially to kill spoilage bacteria prolonging the shelf life of certain fruit and vegetables. Research is being done in Belfast on using irradiation to prevent mushrooms from continuing to grow after

At present the testing equipment is cumbersome and expensive, costing about £100,000. Trading Standards officers would thus have to take food samples away from supermarkets and restaurants

Dr McMurray said other techniques being developed could make it possible to produce a portable testing kit.

Surgery sets crippled soldier on his feet

A soldier wounded in the Romanian revolution bas been helped to walk again by a unique operation by surgeons in a London hospital.

Sergeant Orlando Draga, aged 19, was crippled by a high-velocity, exploding bullet while defending a munitions store in Bucharest. The bullet shattered the sciatic nerve, the main nerve in the thigh, in his left leg.

He was flown to Britain for advanced microvascular surgery after an appeal to the Department of Health from the Romanian Ministry of Defence. The operation was carried out by Professor Angus McGrouther, Britain's only professor of plastic surgery, at University College Hospital, London.

"He was lucky not to have bled to death after being shot," Professor McGrouther said yesterday."His leg was para-lyzed and he would have been crippled for life had be not received this surgery."

The sciatic nerve controls muscles in the thigh and provides sensation to the sole of the foot. In the operation, a 5in length of sural nerve in the calf was removed, cut into sections and transplanted into the gap in the sciatic nerve. Removal of part of the sural nerve does not seriously impair walking ability.

The surgery, performed with the aid of an operating microscope, involved matching thousands of fibres within



Sergeant Draga, who should be walking unaided within six months, being examined by Professor McGroather yes the sciztic nerve. It was the sponsors Professor McGront- tors predict he will be able to the professor and all the

first time the technique was used in Britain for a bullet wound, and the work was funded by the hospital's Phoehis ankles and toes and feeling nix Appeal, a charity which

her's research programme. Five weeks after the opera-

tion Sergeant Draga can move

walk without crutches within doctors and nurses

"Every day I feel better," been invited to Romania to the soldier said through an teach his reconstructive surhas returned to his feet. Doc- interpreter. "I want to thank gery techniques.

Professor McGrouther has been invited to Romania to

Aids threat

Edinburgh 'could soon see epidemic'

By Kerry Gill

few years, it was predicted drug abusers contracting the yesterday at a conference on virus in the region had stadrugs and HTV infection. Dr Ray Brettle, of the City with the rapid explosion of the

Hospital, Edinburgh, said peak numbers of drug abusers mid-1980s. had contracted the virus in develop into full-blown Aids was about eight years, he said, a new wave of cases could emerge soon.

Edinburgh has one of the worst records of HIV infection in any European city. This is largely due to the widespread habit among drug addicts in the Scottish capital of sharing needles, in spite of schemes to encourage free needle

All-Party Parliamentary coming years. Group on Aids, called for cialist advice to be given to drug abusers to help reduce the spread of the virus.

He also appealed for more funds for research in Edin-"Tragically, this is probably the only place where you can study transmission of

the virus," he said. Dr Gavin Strang, Labour MP for Edinburgh East, said it was "rubbish" to suggest that the HIV virus could not be transmitted heterosexually. "It is clear that some of the earlier predictions were too high, but there is no doubt that the virus is being transmitted through heterosexual practic-

Dr Strang also said a significant number of heterosexual men appeared to adopt homosexual practices in prison. contributing to the spread of

A new Aids epidemic could ordinator of Lothian Health break out in Edinburgh in a Board, said the number of bilized to an increase of some 5 per cent a year, compared

However he warned: Edinburgh during 1983. As the "There can be absolutely no average time for infection to confidence that the situation will remain as such.

At the meeting medical authorities expressed concern that some heterosexuals were refusing to change their sexual behaviour after claims that the disease could not be spread through normal sexual

activity.
Mr Michael Forsyth, Health Minister at the Scottish Office. said there would be a substantial increase in the number of Dr Brettle, speaking to the Aids cases and deaths in the

The Government's intenfacilities were in place when and where they were needed With this in mind, the Scottish Office had increased allocations to £15 million to enable boards to deal with the

disease. Health boards should be prepared to offer simple apologies to aggrieved patients, rather than assumi that any admission of fault could lead to court action, the new Health Service Commissigner for Scotland said last

Mr William Reid, making his first public speech in Peebles, said: "A remedy, such as a simple apology or a change in procedure, is by no means always offered. There is not yet universal readiness to tell the individual that a complaint can be pursued Dr George Bath, Aids co- further through my office."



The Grange, a remarkable example of Victorian neo-Gothic

Landmark verdict due on rare house

By John Young

The Department of the Environment will announce 2 decision soon on whether to allow the demolition of a rare and remarkable example of pilt Victorian neo-Gothic

The Grange, at Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham, was of the original interior fea-

The exterior is described by the conservation group, Save Britain's Heritage, as a plethora of neo-Gothic detail with its leaded and mullioned windows, pointed arched doorways, carved foliate capitals. and iron-studded doorways of horror-story proportions."

In 1988 the house and the surrounding parkland were acquired by the Eagle Star insurance group for its new headquarters. Planning per-mission was granted by Tewkesbury District Council last year but a resident colony

delayed its demolition. In the meantime, conservationists successfully applied to the department for the house to be ot-listed as of historical and architectural interest.

Eagle Star has since applied for the house to be de-listed. Save Britain's Heritage describes the impending decision as having serious implications for conservation policy.

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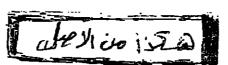
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Likud knives out | Sizzling colour to beat winter blues | Singh in for Shamir after defeat in Knesset

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Moves were under way yesnot to attend the vote at all — central role in manocuvring to
terday in a demoralized Likud which brought down Mr from a new covernment Minister, brought down late share Labour's approach to tomorrow. on Thursday by a Knesset the peace question. vote of no confidence.

Despite last-minute manocuvring by Mr Shamir to Mr Shamir was doomed when the cameras panned empty powerful religious parties, he Shas chairs in the Knesset. became the first Israeli leader Without their works Mr. to fall by such means. The challenge to his leadership of Likud comes from the right, led by Mr Ariel Sharon, the former general.

Meanwhile, a jubilant Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, announced that he intended to form a government with the purpose of rate with the purpose of salvaging the proposed Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo. He immediately started nego-tiations with the Orthodox Jewish groups which hold the balance of power.

If there was a dominant image in this week's political drama, which gripped most of the nation, it was the sight of one official limousine after another pulling up on Thurs-day afternoon outside the Jerusalem home of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, the former Chief Rabbi.

First in the queue was Mr Shamir, who together with most of the Likud front bench abandoned the Knesset in a does it matter if Shimon bid to delay the crucial vote knocks out Yitzhak or vice while he woodd Shas, the religious party of which Rabbi Yosef is the spiritual head, and the resulting Knesset talks. Hard on his heels came the arithmetic, has given the re-Labour leaders for talks ligious parties - Shas, Degel centred on the US peace plan.

No one knows what deals were struck. But in the end it was the decision by most Shas elections in November, 1988. deputies to abstain - indeed,

Most Israelis, watching the the cameras panned empty Without their votes, Mr Shamir could not surivive.

Yesterday, the eve of the



Mr Sharon: Dominated the stormy Knesset debate.

display of clerical power was taken up in the secular Israeli press. "If the state of Israel is really ruled by Rabbi Yosef and not by Likud or Labour" Hadashot commented, "what

The Israeli electoral system, Hatorah, Agudat Israel and the National Religious Party - a vital role since the last

which brought down Mr form a new government. party to stage a "palace Shamir. Although many of the President Herzog will hold revolution" against Mr Yit- Orthodox leaders are rightzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime wing, a surprising number and Likud, but also with Shas

> Mr Peres was confident that he could form a government. televised debate, realized that Influenced perhaps by the euphoria on the left, the Labour leader spoke of gain-ing a majority of 70 seats in the 120-member Knesset, 10 more than he obtained in the no confidence vote. He said a Labour-led administration would pay more towards religious education and would be attentive to Orthodox sensitivities.

But in a more sober atmosphere yesterday even Lab-our sources said that Mr Peres's chances of forming a new government were far from a foregone conclusion.

A glance at the Labour front bench on Thursday showed men of considerable weight and experience - Mr Yitzhak Rabin, Mr Ezra Weizman, Mr Mordechai Gur - who led Israel to victory in the Six-Day War of 1967.

Conversely Likud has few such ex-warriors in its front ranks, in a country where military service is central to society. The one Likud figure who can match Labour in this sense is Mr Sharon, a great bear of a man who on Thursday managed to dominate even the stormy debating chamber with a passionate speech opposing the peace

The other Likud challengers for Mr Shamir's mantle are Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Moshe Arens, the US-educated Foreign Minister. Leading article, page 11

Stepping out in style, Paris models flaunting the latest creations for autumn and winter of world fashion maestros yesterday. Hot pants and scarcely-there minis, predicted to be the fashionable roman's staples this summer, are now being carried through into the later

collections (Reuter reports from Paris). Thick tights and thigh boots are the only

Karl Lagerfeld, the West German

femininity. The look was leggy, flirtations and perfectly suited to the adoles-cent girls Lagerfeld now favours as models. That archetypal Lagerfeld creation, the wasp-waisted jacket with asymmetric lapels, scooped bems and sharply sloping pockets, left, was cut shorter and sharper than ever.

combined innovation with

In bright mauve, pink, red and jade, these frock coats were framed in black, worn over dark tights, clearing an inch of schoolgirl mini or topping high snede

Earlier yesterday the classic designer Hubert de Givenchy reminded buyers what Paris fashion is traditionally all about with a sophisticated preview.

Models teetered by in sexy leather pencil
skirts, stiletto heels and padded-shouldered jackets which bucked the carrent trend for natural contours and softer silhouettes. His leopard print cocktail dress, right, was part of the collection.

crisis as deputy resigns

From Coomi Kapoor Delhi

After less than four months, the Government of Mr V.P. Singh was plunged into crisis yesterday with the resignation of the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Devi Lal.

The 75-year-old Mr Lal resigned in protest against growing pressure within his Janata Dal Party to force his son, Mr Om Prakash Chautala, to resign as Chief Minister of the small north Indian state of Haryana.

Mr Chautala has been accused by the press and some members of his own party of misuse of official machinery and vote-rigging in a recent by-election. The election was countermanded by the Elec-tion Commission for widespread malpractices.

Mr Lal's supporters claim that he was being vilified by the press. He himself was angry that his party rival, Mr Ajit Singh, who has called for Mr Chautala's resignation, was not reprimanded by the Janata Dal bosses.

Mr Lal's resignation is interpreted as a means of trying to force the Prime Minister's hand in allowing Mr Chautala to continue as Chief Minister. Mr V.P. Singh is in an extremely precarious position since his minority National Front Government, with only 142 out of 525 seats in Parliament, survives thanks to the support of the Communist Party and the pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata party. The Government's allies have also been pressing for Mr Chautala's resignation.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress party is delighted with events, for it feels that if Mr Lal is sufficiently angry he could quit the party and bring

US digs in against forcing boat people home

By Rosemary Righter

The United States has made it clear to Britain that it remains adamantly opposed to forcible repatriation from Hong Kong of Vietnamese boat people not accepted as refugees.

As Mr Richard Solomon, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the State Department, left at the Foreign Office, senior US officials said the US would never agree to involuntary

"I think you know what is carved in there at the base of the Statue of Liberty," one

official declared. "This is an absolutely fun-

those who have come to the US from the re-education camps of Vietnam."

The statement is certain to disconcert Foreign Office ministers, who have recently been hinting at a softening of the US attitude.

Mr Solomon denied that the London yesterday after talks US, as Britain claims, had accepted the principle of man-

datory repatriation could be datory repatriation itself. allowed to go forward" after that, provided there were no volunteers and there was ade-

quate screening, counselling

and monitoring machinery. nation steering committee on Hong Kong, and deportation

US delegate said that while status. Britain claimed that ● HONG KONG: Leading ensure human rights will be Washington insisted on a 12- the disagreements were only politicians and lawyers yes- protected under Chinese rule. Washington insisted on a 12- the disagreements were only month moratorium, "man- over timing, not over man-

Yesterday, however, the US official insisted that Washington had agreed only to look at other ways, such as the creation of holding camps in That meeting broke down the Philippines, of helping The Bill, promised by over the refusal of the US and deal with the question of those Britain after last year's bloody Vietnam to accept a com- who had been "screened out" military crackdown in China, insisting on a delay of 12 promise which would have but were not prepared to will enshrine internationally months to let voluntary mea- permitted mandatory repatri- return voluntarily. He also recognized human rights in sures work. That appears to ations to restart after six made clear Washington's total represent a hardening of months, if voluntary measures opposition to emergency mea-possible for local people to Covenant on Civil and Pol-

damental principle for the Indochinese Refugees in Janu- within six weeks of those who should there be a massive new down under pressure from American people — including ary. At that meeting, the chief failed to qualify for refugee influx of boat people. Peking and does little to

politicians and lawyers yesterday criticized as "just window dressing" a draft Bill of Rights presented by the Hong Kong Government in an effort to calm fears of Chinese repression, after 1997 (Jonathan Braude writes).

The Bill, promised by Hong Kong law and make it

In January China warned it would repeal any Bill which claimed "supremacy" over other local laws, claiming that only the Basic Law, Hong Kong's post-1997 mini-constitution, could have supremacy.

Although the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Mr Michael Suen, claimed the Bill could not be amended to conflict with the International

WORLD ROUNDUP

Collor launches economic reform

Rio de Janeiro - President Collor de Mello held his first Cabinet meeting early yesterday and announced a sweeping programme of "national reconstruction" (Mac Margolis writes). The package of measures, many of which must be approved by Congress, are designed to open up the Brazilian economy, long ruled by rigid price controls and restrictions on imports and foreign capital.

Despite earlier denials by Senhor Collor of a price freeze, which he branded "a magic solution used by incompetent governments", the reform also features a 30-day price freeze, followed by staged increases in wages and prices. He also abolished the cruzado, Brazil's inflation-battered currency, and resurrected the cruzeiro. To eradicate inflation, Senhor Collor announced that he will by year's end "totally eliminate the public deficit", which is £18.7 billion.

China attacks press

Peking (Reuter) - China launched a harsh attack on resident foreign journalists yesterday, accusing them of victimizing the Government here and undermining social stability. The criticism, printed by the People's Daily, was in response to a protest made to the authorities by journalists against police surveillance of their movements and harassment of their Chinese contacts. The criticism accused unnamed foreign correspondents of "cooking up and spreading rumours" to provide "forces hostile to China" with excuses to attack Peking on human rights grounds.

Working hours cut

Tokyo (Reuter) — The Japanese Government yesterday gave the five-day working week to all state employees. Ministers approved a plan cutting weekly working to 40 hours or five days for all types of public sector shift workers, including prison guards, police officers and hospital staff. The five-day week will be reassessed in six months.

 Bonn: West Germany's powerful engineering union, IG
Metall, has won a 35-hour week in the face of a vigorous advertising campaign by employers to prevent further cuts in working hours (Ian Murray writes).

French convict Astiz

Paris (AP) - An Argentine naval officer was tried in absentia and convicted in a court here yesterday for the abduction and torture of two French nuns killed in Argentina in 1977. Never before, according to legal experts, has someone been convicted abroad for crimes committed in his own country for which he has been granted amnesty. Alfredo Astiz, aged 40, known to rights groups as "the Angel of Death", was sentenced to life imprisonment. One of many amnestied in 1987 by President Alfonsin to consolidate civilian rule, he is unlikely to be extradited.

Plastic cash flow

Sydney (Renter) - Filthy lucre in Australia will soon be cleaner as grimy paper money is replaced by longer-lasting plastic notes. Australia's Reserve Bank said yesterday that following the successful trial of its new \$Aus 10 (£4.70) note - the world's first plastic banknote - it would move to replace other denominations over the next few years. The polymer substrate \$Aus 10 note, launched in 1988, depicts the British arrival on board ships 202 years ago on one side. and a young Aboriginal man on the other.

Buyer ghost-busted New York (AP) - When Mr Jeffrey Stambovsky was buying

a house, he did not check it for ghosts. Once he found that the house is allegedly haunted by three 18th-century spirits, he decided he did not want it and tried to recover his \$32,500 (£20,000) deposit. But a state judge has ruled that he cannot do so since Miss Helen Ackley, the owner, had no legal duty to tell him that the house was haunted.

Royal visit to Berlin

Patrick's Day in Berlin this afternoon with the traditional presentation of shamrock to the Irish Guards. She arrived in Berlin yesterday afternoon for the start of a three-day visit. It concludes tomorrow with a visit to the Light Infantry, of which she is Colonel-in-Chief, and a meeting with the soldiers' families after church. Security forces are expected to be on maximum alert throughout the visit.

Pro-Iran terrorists threaten Soviet Jewish immigrants

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

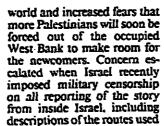
dle East were yesterday treat- more Palestinians will soon be ing seriously seriousness a threat by a pro-franian terrorist group to attack airports, the newcomers. Concern esairlines and planes in a drive calated when Israel recently to halt the massive migration of Soviet Jews to Israel.

The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, the pro-Iranian militants holding three of the 17 Western hostages in Lebanon, also de-chared in its communique that its three American hostages would be executed if the American Administration did not meet its demands.

The extremist group, which suthenticated its statement With recent photographs of two of the three Americans it is holding, stated: "Our people shall not stand handcuffed in front of this conspiracy." The threat was issued in a

communique sent to the independent Beirut daily .in-Vahur. "All airports, airlines. planes and offices which will help in their direct transport will be a direct target for us", the terrorists warned.

The flood of Soviet Jews has Mr Carter: Optimistic over sparked an uproor in the Arab



by the emigrants. Opening a Security Council debate on alleged Israeli moves to settle Soviet immigrants on occupied land, Mr Alexander Belonogov, the



the hostages' release.

Security officials in the Mid- world and increased fears that Soviet Ambassador, said the policy was a threat to human rights, violated international law and promoted "confrontation and extremism".

But he said that to stop Jews from leaving for Israel was not the answer "because it would violate (Soviet) rights and freedoms

 DAMASCUS: The former US President, Mr Jimmy Carter, said here yesterday that chances seem better than ever for the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon, and that President Assad of Syria repeated vows to help win their freedom (AP reports).

Mr Carter made the comments on the fifth anniversary of the kidnapping in west Beirut of the US journalist, Terry Anderson, aged 42, the longest-held of the 18 Westerners who are missing in

Lebanon PARIS: Jean-Paul Kauffmann and Roger Auque, former French hostages, were blindfolded and chained themselves to a tree opposite the Iranian Embassy here to protest at the continued captivity of Terry Anderson.

Washington's position since were unsuccessful, with rapid sures to which British Gov- defend their rights in the itical Rights, he admitted the last meeting of the 30- screening of new arrivals in ernment sources said earlier courts. However, critics say there was nothing to stop this month they would resort the draft has been watered China repealing it altogether.

De Klerk's brother weighs up future

Black rule seen as inevitable

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

and a senior political consultant close to the South African Government, believes that black majority rule is in-evitable and that attempts to resist it would be futile and mesonosible

He is also suggesting that the Government abandon its concept of racial groupings as the political foundation of a post-apartheid society.

His views go far beyond current policy, but analysts believe they may presage eventual shifts by Pretoria. Mr de Klerk is a leading member of the Broederbond, the powerful Afrikaner society whose recommendations have been reflected repeatedly in government strategies. He has also acted as a discreet conduit between Pretoria and the Af-

rican National Congress. The Government at present rules out a Westminster-style democracy, which would lead inevitably to black majority rule, and advocates powersharing on the basis of racial group rights. Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister for

Mr Willem de Klerk, the elder Constitutional Development, is looking critically at its race brother of President de Klerk said recently that the point of departure for future negotiations was that there should be separate voters' rolls for every

> However Mr de Klerk, writing in an academic review. says whites must be prepared to accept a black majority government and blacks must relinquish Marxist-socialist ideals in favour of democracy based on Western models.

Addressing the anxieties of whites, he says: "The root of all these fears is that a black majority government is inevitable in the future. To resist it would be a battle that the whites have no hope of winning. I am finally convinced of this. To become involved in a prolonged battle against this prospect would be irresponsible towards the country, towards the future of whites, and towards all the people in

South Africa." Mr de Klerk says the phasing out of race groups as political building blocks was essential, and he believes a compromise could be reached. transition to a non-racial "The (ruling) National Party democracy.

group classification, while the ANC has indicated they realize that some group rights must be established. Compromise is possible, but it will not be reached soon, and will require very serious negotiation."

Mr de Klerk says white fears of being terrorized by a black dictatorship, with an atten-dant collapse of the economy and social order, are largely unfounded. "There may be isolated cases ... but African government does not mean barbarism. This has not been the experience of whites on our continent. We, the whites, have sufficient grounds for more faith. This kind of fear is

an insult to black people." Anxieties about a transition from Western to African orientations were realistic, but the interests of whites could be safeguarded in a constitution or charter of human rights. Given the complexities and

conflicting ideologies, Mr de Klerk considers it may take at least 10 years to effect the

Prince picks up a not very portable bush 'telephone' telephone system, it was clearly a the vessel is loaded with sturdy the country's 12 largest teaching the hepatitis and Aids viruses.

From Alen Hamilton

The crate was enormous. Standing at least 4ft high on the red-carpeted floor, it dwarfed the huge tropical fish tank, with its green plastic frog and array of model water-wheels.

When British royalty, this time the Prince and Princess of Wales. visits for the first time in 30 years, Colonel Rain Rasaki, Governor of Lague state, is nothing if not generous. The crate was opened to reveal his pift to the royal couple -an exceedingly large "talking drum" and a substantial bronze figure of a man in traditional local dress, an

The Prince gazed in amazement at the drum. "Do you," he asked diffidently, "dance to it or send messages? It was he was assured. for sending messages. In a country with a magnificently unpredictable

gift of great practicality.

Then it was the Prince's turn. He produced a package so small that it might have been hidden up his sleeve. "We have a very small, very duli, present in return, which I hope will be useful on your desk," the Prince said apologetically, handing over what turned out to be a sterling silver paper-knife with the Prince of Wales' feathers embossed on the

The exchange of gifts over, the Prince admired the Governor's fish tank. "Look at the frog," he remarked to the Princess, pointing at the plastic creature's mouth, which opened and closed in the current

created by the toy water-wheels. After only 24 hours in Nigeria, the Plimsoil line of the royal vacht Britannia, moored in Lagos harbour, is in danger of submerging as official gifts.

President Ibrahim Bahangida has given the royal couple a pair of solid bronze Benin leopards, which will look handsome guarding the doorstep of Highgrove. In return the Prince and Princess gave the President a silver tea service of 1930s design, and a carriage clock with the Princess's initial "D" on the face.

Not all the gifts exchanged yesterday were so unashamedly decorative. Visiting Lagos University Teaching Hospital, the Prince handed over a £5,000 incubator as a token of Britain's current big aid package to Nigeria.

Last year's donation of £60 million, the largest British overseas subvention to any country apart from India, is being repeated this year, with a tenth of the total going to provide badly needed drugs for

hospitals.

Britain is not the biggest supporter of Nigeria's efforts to achieve economic recovery after the end of its oil boom years; last year the Japanese gave twice as much in direct aid, and are expected to be generous again this year. Britain hopes, however, that economic recovery in a former colony will reopen the continent's largest potential market outside South Africa.

Touring a children's ward, the couple learned that the infant mortality rate in Lagos is between 80 and 90 deaths for every 1,000 live births. In rural Nigeria it is between 100 and 200.

A common disease is sickle-cell anaemia requiring blood transfusions, yet the university hospital is the only one in Lagos state able to screen the blood for the presence of Doctors say lack of funds also means that immunization programmes for common diseases reach less than half of the child population.

As they drove to the hospital through the shanty towns of Lagos, the royal couple passed a large banner draped from a building by the local authority: "Mushin Local Government appreciates the humanitarian call of the Prince and Princess of Wales." A considerable crowd cheered them on their way.

Whether the environmentally concerned Prince appreciated the hospital's gift to him is another matter. It was a mother and child carved from a little bit of rain forest, a block of finest West African manogany, which remained in its wrapping paper until after he had gone, to be scooped up by an aide for

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will celebrate St



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East German politicians learn fast from West

It is no coincidence that the fledgeling political parties of East Germany are basically the creations of their West German counterparts. They have been called "sisters" of the two Western parties, but the relationship is more that of child and parent.

In the idealistic early days of East Germany's "peaceful revolution", the Round Table negotiators made an urgent appeal to Western parties to keep out. They saw, correctly, that the whole campaign would otherwise become a takeover bid which would not stop with political organ-izations but would end in a merger in which East Germany would be, at best, the junior partner.

The appeal was scarcely heard. The dates of a first free election had hardly been announced before the big party

East Germany's communist Prime Minister, tried to introduce an electoral law which would have made such help illegal, but he was on very unfirm ground.

Since the Communist Party infrastructure was all in place. complete with printing important of all, telephones, the restriction on outsiders which the communists wanted, although convenient, was also hypocritical. West German pressure

forced Herr Modrow to drop the clause before the law went to the Volkskammer and the election battle began. Both the main parties understand that tomorrow's

vote will play an important role in the outcome of the West Germany's own election, now scheduled for December 2. Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor and leasder of the Christian Democrats, expecting to gain machines moved in from the kudos as the man who made chance of gaining many seats West. Herr Hans Modrow, unification possible, hopes he in the freely elected Par-

will also win enough votes for liament it did so much to party made all the early the "Alliance for Germany" a third term in office. create. running. involving the Eastern Chris-

The Social Democrats, meanwhile, relying on their historic strength in East Germany, hope that a win there will give them the extra boost they need to topple Herr Kohl.

The takeover by the West-ern parties, coupled with the fact that communists dominated government and gained all the experience for so long, has meant, as well, that no really important political figures have emerged from among the seemingly colourless Eastern party leaders.

The one group of East German politicians to stand out are those who had thecourage to form New Forum last autumn and whose pressure did so much to topple the old regime. That this group of intellectuals, artists and idealists has largely been trampled underfoot in the rush for power by the big parties means that it stands little

The Social Democrats in the

East have, in fact, been the nace-setters in the campaign from the outset, changing their name to match that of the party in the West and falling quickly back on to an organizational structure which had been well established before the last war.

With Herr Willy Brandt, the party's elder statesman and unit.

About 12.2 million of East Germany's 16 million

citizens are eligible to vote on Sunday, some 450,000 having already voted with their feet since the Berlin Wall came down last year.

They will choose between 24 parties and alliances competing for 400 seats in the new parliament, in what will almost certainly be the one and only exercise of the painstakingly crafted

In the strictly proportional system, each person will cast one vote for a party rather than a candidate. Each party will receive four seats for each 1 per cent of the vote cast for it. Unlike the

The right, which had little chance at all to operate during 40 years of communism, was far more disorganized and needed to import not only the money, but the organization and the slogans. Even so, three separate parties came into being before the Christian Democrats in the West could

form them into a cohesive

HOW VOTES WILL DECIDE WINNERS AND LOSERS

inventor of Ostpolitik, draw-ing and wooing the crowds the this by creating what he called discredit the SPD by linking it

tian Democrats, the German Social Union and Democratic Awakening. To counter Herr Brandt's charisma and rhetoric, the chancellor then em-barked on a series of six blitz campaign sorties from Bonn, when he roused hundreds of thousands of red, black and gold flag waving crowds chanting "Hel-mut, Hel-mut." The main thrust of the Alli-

West German system, in which a party must win 5

again." Herr Kohl's appearances and this deliberate slight have between them succeeded in giving the Alliance what seems like an even chance of leading the coalition govern-ment that is most likey to be formed after the election. The communists, renamed

the Party of Democratic Socialists (PDS), know al-ready that they will not be asked to join the coalition. All the other main parties insist that communists be excluded which means that Herr Modrow, whose integrity is nowhere doubted and whose experience of government is sorely needed elsewhere, will not serve again, unless he abandons the party he says he still believes in.

After seats are allocated to parties, deputies will be drawn from party lists in 15 electoral districts. The more votes a party wins in one district, the more candidates from there will get seats. About 22,000 polling stations will be open from 7am to 6pm. The first official returns will be amounced between 8 and 9pm (7 and 8pm GMT), though unofficial computer projections based on exit polls are expected by about 7pm. Final results will not appear until about 2pm. Although there are 24 parties or groups putting up lists for the election, the chances of any of the others gaining more

communist party, using the Foreign Minister who has slogan "Socialism - never arguably done more than any one to bring about the pros-pect of reunification, has addressed ecstatic crowds, especially in his home town of Halle. But the chances are slim of the alliance of the three liberal parties which he sup-ports even gaining the present 9 per cent following of his own Free Democrats (FDP) in

West Germany. The Greens - the only other party represented in the Bundestag - are suffering from their reputation of being op-posed to reunifiation. They are trying to compensate by joining with the women's rights movement in a "Green-Lilac" federation, which ought to win at least the 30,000 odd votes that will be needed to

take a seat. Otherwise there is a motley collection of left, far left and youth parties all taking advantage of an election which is probably their last chance to

Brandt views the fruit of his Ostpolitik

In an election largely taken persuasion. Herr Brandt has over by politicians from West Germany, Herr Willy Brandt seemed at first to be curiously circumspect, out of step with the high-stakes campaign for German unity.

While Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, swooped into the GDR to deliver impassioned appeals on behalf of conservative former Social Democratic Chancellor and architect of West German Ostpolitik, has more resembled an elder statesmen on a lecture tour.

is in charge of the moral and human dimension."

Herr Brandt, who is the honorary head of the Social Democrats in both Germanies, has largely avoided confrontational politics, preferring instead to focus on the course of events - much of which he shaped - that has brought the two from testy



Herr Brandt: In charge of the human dimension.

reunification.

conservative Alliance for Gerthe invective. With the latest polls showing the SPD just cellor for tarnishing Germany's image over the Polish if you don't vote SPD you border issue and criticized have to admire him." Herr Kohl's favoured method of bringing about early published yesterday suggested reunification — a constitu- nearly half of all East Gertional clause allowing states to

Herr Brandt has lamented that the "bad habits" of West slower joining of the two states German election campaigns (AP reports). have been exponed "to the GDR's first free election in nearly six decades." He claims East Germans are more optithe Alliance has gained support by hinting that an SDP victory could slow economic

For many East Germans, many, and 60 per cent fa-regardless of their political voured neutrality.

From Girard Steichen, Wismar, East Germany

well-nigh unassailable credentials. He is popular and respected as the German statesman who sought and achieved reconciliation with the Soviet Bloc. East Germans acknowledge that without him, the historic talks with the GDR's hardline leadership in Erfurt in 1970, the road to thenation's peaceful revolution candidates, Herr Brandt, the last year would have been far more difficult.

> His efforts to normalize East-West relations won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1971, and did much to erase the legacy of hatred left by the

> In his public appearances throughout the GDR, he has shunned the patronizing and often-tactiess oratory of other West German politicians on the hustings. "Herr Brandt understands that while East Germans want prosperity, they don't want to be lectured down to and told that their experience and identities amount to nothing," says Herr Helmut Langenfeld, a baker in

Wismar, a Baltic port.

Yet recent gains by the experiences they have had."

● EAST BERLIN A survey mans favor immediate unithe electorate would prefer a

The latest survey also said that nearly three-quarters of mistic about the future. Nearly 50 per cent of those questioned wanted immediate

East Germans also know that reunification is unthinkable without reconciliation with Poland, the foundation An aide said:"Herr Brandt of which was laid by Herr Brandt 20 years ago.

Second World War.

Many East Germans resent what they perceive as highhanded efforts by West German politicians to ram through reunification on their own terms. Earlier this month, in a triumphant re-enactment of his 1970 visit to Erfurt, Herr Brandt told the cheering crowd: "Above all, we must reconciliation to the verge of not forget what East Germans have achieved and the unique

Yet even in the heat of lastmany has forced him to join minute rallies, Herr Brandt appears to be above the fray. "He has done so much for us trailing the Alliance. Herr over the years" says Frau Brandt has attacked the Chan- Ulrike Schreyer, a worker in the Wismar shipyards, "Even

nearly haif of all East Gerfication, although a third of

unification with West Ger-

War of words on Berlin's 'Democracy Wall'



A voter in the East German elections on Sunday closely studying his countrymen's newly-won political options on posters pasted to the Berlin Wall.

Splits weaken hopes of Bavarian right

From Ian Murray, Nuremberg

the issues of the Bavarian communal elections tomor-row tend to be subordinate to ment is responding with new those of the coming Greater Germany.

the results coming in from more restrictions. East Berlin, West German politicians will be looking to see what the mood is in rural Catholic Bavaria with equal anxiety.

refugees reached when they began pouring out through Hungary and Austria last September - two months before the main flood started when the Berlin Wall came down. Compared with the grimy towns they came from. it seemed booming and prosperous, set in the lush Bavar-

ian countryside. Many stayed. They quickly filled the emergency accom-modation, saturated the job market and the schools began to be overcrowded. The rightwing Republicans, who had scored up to 20 per cent and more in the European elections last June, felt they were gaining even more ground West Devon Conservative with their platform for a Association that people were united Germany in which all the refugees went home. The fail of the Wall has

couple of hours away by car, Germany is now struggling to cope with the huge influx of legislation which will stop their benefits. The opposition While everyone waits for Social Democrats want even

Everybody supports German unity and the local Republican election slogan — "We've had it right up to the neck" - has all but been Nuremberg was the first adopted by all the national large town that many of the groups.

Since last June, when they scored 7.3 per cent nation-wide, the Republican rating has dropped progressively. Their latest opinion poll rating

With East Germany only a changed all that. All West is 2.9 per cent—well below the berg's right-wingers are split. now be voting Republican." couple of hours away by car, Germany is now struggling to 5 per cent needed to win seats Herr Harald Schumann, who The Christian Social Union, in an election. So the radical right has lost was number two on the where Hitler's Nazi rallies once roused the nation, the

> On Thursday Herr Franz Schönhuber, the party leader, had organized his own rally in a beer tent but he cancelled at the last moment. He said the the police had refused to give town council, but now that him protection, a clearly neither of them stands much ridiculous excuse as a high chance they are calling each proportion of his party's other names. "I cannot stand

Republicans have fallen apart.

membership is known to be in by someone who tramples our the force or sympathetic to the rule book and basic rights party's strong stand on law under foot," Herr Schumann

and order. In fact, Nurem- said this week. "I shall not Brittan urges EC integration

one on the list.

By Michael Binyon

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, said yesterday there were real fears in Europe of German domination, and the EC must therefore continue its integration to ensure that a greater Germany was firmly embedded in a European framework. He told the Torridge and afraid that Germany would become not so much a locomotive for the development of

the European Community, as a clear reference to Mrs runaway train "dragging us all Thatcher. in a direction we do not want to

He said these fears need not new Europe, both politically and economically. Those who argue that events in Eastern Europe should lead us to slow down the development of the hearted support for the further European Community are development of the quite mistaken," he added, in a Community."

Both probably hoped at the

time the Wall came down that

they would win places on the

The Community was specifically created to heal the wounds of war and allow prove justified if things were nations to harness their ensensibly handled. "The Euro- ergies for the common good, pean Community is the key to rather than mutual destrucmanaging the transition to the tion. "The best way for Britain to help Eastern Europe and allay the anxieties felt by some in this country about German unification is to give its full-

which has long ruled Bavaria until the end of last November by right, had suffered most its way and in Nuremberg. Republican list in the town, from the Republican challhas left the party because he enge. Five years ago in the was disgusted with the "un-democratic" behaviour of Herr Rudolf Heindl, number an average 49.1 per cent and it had been worried that defections to the far right could give the balance of power to the extremists.

Its local politicians have countered the challenge by promising policies which leave the Republicans little extra to offer the dissident voter. This harder line has its critics within the party.

Nuremberg is a Social Democratic town and is likely

to stay that way. The CSU has chosen a green background for its posters in contrast to the red of socialism and the brown or black of the neo-Nazis. The Social Democrats are

sitting back and watching the bickerings on the right with satisfaction. It is relying on these internal quarrels to weaken the traditional hold of the CSU on Bavaria in the state election next October. In Munich, also a Social Democratic stronghold, the voters will be confronted with a 4ft by 2ft "slip" containing the names of the 1,025 candidates for the 80 council seats.

Warsaw **Pact** seeks accord

By Michael Evans and Peter Green in Prague

Warsaw Pact foreign ministers gather in Prague today to try to produce a common position on the reunification of the two Germanies on the eve of the East German electious. With the image of the Warsaw Pact as a unified military alliance already shattered by the events of the past few months, it is expected to

be a highly charged meeting. Mr Krzysztof Skubiszewski, the Polish Foreign Minister, is likely to sound the strongest warnings over the security problems arising from a re-

unified Germany. The meeting had been called for by Mr Jiri Dienstbier, the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister. Moscow apparently jumped at the chance, if only to try to demonstrate to the West German Government in particular, and to Nato in general, that the Warsaw Pact still had

life in it vet. But Western diplomats here believe the seven foreign min-isters will find it difficult to come to any concrete agreement, especially on the mili-

tary and security aspects. Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who flies in from Moscow this morning, is expected to stick rigidly to the often-stated Kremlin position that a reunited Germany cannot remain in Nato.

Two officials from the Soviet Foreign Ministry are already in Prague ahead of Mr Shevardnadze to work on the

communique. However, Czechoslovak officials insisted that this did not imply that Moscow was trying

to mastermind today's consultative meeting. One Western diplomat said yesterday: "One is really com-

ing with strong ideas as far as we know. The Czechs would like to use the meeting to create a new security arrangement. But they're having trouble reaching a final consensus, even among themselves." The diplomat warned: "For

the moment, German unification is not a divisive issue for the Czechs. But this will change leading up to the elections in June."

Mr Lubos Dobrovsky. spokesman for the Czecho-slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said: "I don't know whether the foreign ministers will be able to reach a common position by the end of the day. It's impossible to predict anything right now."

Problem of ethnic Russians still looms over Baltic independence

From Anatol Lieven Riga, Latvia

Although the Lithuanian declaration of independence has inspired the Latvian and Estonian nationalists, it has not solved their basic problem: what to do about the huge Russian populations on

their territories. Latvians are only a bare majority in Latvia, and in a minority in Riga, the capital, and the two other biggest cities. and this will severely limit the Latvian Popular Front's prospects in the Supreme Soviet elections beginning

tomorrow. Aivars Baumanns, of the Novosti Press Agency in Riga, said: "As usual, the Baltic States are like a train with two passenger carriages and a baggage wagon. We are the baggage, and we are pulled along by Lithuania and Estonia." The Estonian nationalists, who are

also going to the polls tomorrow, have the same problem as their Latvian counterparts. Russians make up 31 per cent of the population, with the total of non-Estonians reaching 39 per cent. Under the Soviet Constitution, a twothirds majority in a Supreme Soviet is

needed for a vote to change a constitu-

tion. Estonian nationalists have been trying to circumvent the possibility that Russian deputies will block the process by calling an "Estonian congress" elected only by citizens of the old Estonian Republic and their descendants. That body met this week, elected a President and standing committee, and called on the Supreme Soviet and

• The Estonian Government is also facing a rising tide of Russian protest 9

Government to work with the Congress leadership to achieve independence. in the first round of voting, the fact that radical nationalist candidates will be standing in some constituencies against representatives of the Popular Front as well as of the Communist Party is likely to deprive the Estonian Popular Front of the sweeping victory achieved by Sajudis in Lithuania. A majority in the new Supreme Soviet in favour of independence is, however, certain.

As the prospect of an Estonian

declaration of independence approaches. the Estonian Government, which supports independence but is nevertheless under attack by the radicals, is also facing a rising tide of Russian protest. Russian workers in the huge Moscowcontrolled factories of Tallinn are being radicalized not just in reaction to Estonian nationalism, but also by the threat of unemployment, which they fear

would increase in an independent Interfront is threatening a repetition of last year's general strike by Russiandominated enterprises if moves towards independence continue. The possibility of violence also cannot be excluded. Interfront in Latvia is taking a much

milder line, apparently because its

leaders believe that, in view of the ethnic

balance here, such rapid moves towards independence are not likely.
Retired Colonel Igor Lopatin, the chairman of the council of Interfront, told me vesterday that he was not unduly concerned by the Lithuanian declaration and its implications for the other republics. "The Lithuanians have declared independence, but the reality is that it will be many years until this could become real," he said. He added that he was opposing independence for Latvia not as a Russian nationalist, but because he believes that increasing co-operation beween nations represents the present trend of European history. He also argued that full separation from the Soviet Union would be economically catastrophic for Estonia. If, however, a majority in the new Latvian Supreme Soviet declared independence, protest by Interfront would be "purely dem-In Estonia the ethnic division is

clearer than in Latvia. The small number of Russian intellectuals who support the Popular Front seem to have made little headway in influencing Russian workers although, in Narva, the Russian major-ity border area, feeling against independence seems milder.

On the other hand, far and away most Estonian members of the Communist Party support independence, and the Government has recently taken the lead in moves to achieve it. This has regained some popularity for the party. In Latvia, the situation is more

complicated. There are several old-style

Latvian Communists in the ranks of

Interfront, including Mr Alfred Rubiks,

the former Mayor of Riga, and Mr

Latvia has no alternative but to follow Lithuania on independence

Arnold Clausens, the city's Communist

Party chief. On the other side, approxi-

mately 10 per cent of Popular Front

The fact that a considerable number of

Russians do support the Popular Front.

or are still too apathetic to vote at all.

was shown by the Riga municipal elections. Despite the Russian majority

candidates are Russians.

in the city, they resulted in an assembly evenly balanced between supporters of Interfront and the Popular Front, leading to deadlock. After several weeks, the two sides agreed to appoint Mr Andrei Inkulis, a

Communist official with the lukewarm backing of the Popular Front, as Mayor. There are Communists on both sides of the division in the municipal council, and tomorrow's elections will see Communists on the interfront ticket and those on the Popular Front ticket

standing against each other, with other party members standing against both. This has more or less parlysed the party and government leaderships. Although they have clearly expressed their support for independence, only one of the party secretaries turned up to a meeting a fortnight ago of a faction which aims to separating the Latvian party from the Communist Party of the

Soviet Union. Mr Anatolii Gorbunov, Latvia's President, is of Russian origin, but now considers itself Latvian. As one of the leaders of the Communist Party, as well as of the state, he told me yesterday that Latvia has no alternative but to follow Lithuania towards independence. The speed of the process is however another

He said that a split of the Communist Party from Moscow would have to wait for the Congress called in June, rather than the April meeting called by the

breakaway faction. After this meeting, however, it is likely that the party will lose most of its Latvian members, and in general, after tomorrow's elections, it is not easy to see how the government of Latvia will be

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The Soviet Congress

Power plays that made a President of Gorbachov

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

the full Soviet parliament — the Congress of People's Deputies - will go down as the one which made a former agri-American-style President, and started a shift towards par-

liamentary government.

But the real history of the past week is different. It is a tale of meticulous planning, late-night plotting and ruthless bargaining masterminded

by a consummate tactician.

The Congress opened on Monday with a straightforward agenda. It would last two and a half days, vote in favour of the idea of a president against the idea of President, against the idea of direct national presidential

• The process required some constitutionally dubious

manoeuvres

elections, and - after other nominations had been considered - for Mr Mikhail Gorbachov as President. He

would then be sworn in. All this came to pass, but it took two days longer than envisaged and required un-scheduled breaks and some constitutionally dubious manoeuvring. Politburo members wandered the lobbies apparently at random, to deliver the right word in the right ear.

Clan loyalty and patronage were subtly in evidence. A nod here, a salute there, a deferential handshake, a quiet agreement to meet later, an apparently leisurely exchange over a cigarette in the smoke-hung basement, the absence of the uniformed military during one break, the absence of afoot.

sure that his plans were not ister, Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov. opposed at any stage by more than one-third of the assembled deputies. He needed a two-thirds majority in each of the main votes to make the process constitutional.

Where minor amendments to the existing Constitution were concerned, the need for a two-thirds majority worked in his favour. Unwelcome propossis made from the floor like the suggestion that the state President should not be able to hold the party leadership concurrently - were thus thwarted, even though more than half of the congress supported them.

The problems arose over two votes: on the principle of the presidency, and on how to elect him. Both were delayed by at least a day "to allow more time for discussion". The second delay was an agonizing afternoon and morsometimes a show of hands,

sometimes acclamation. As each crucial vote ap-

This week's third session of were forgotten. The required majority was in sight.

In the first vote, on the principle of the presidency, the revolt was smaller than cultural official from the prov- feared. The republics who inces into the Soviet Union's feared for their autonomy first democratically elected, were brought around by one set of amendments. reformists who feared a dictatorship by another.

The clinching argument was produced by the last speaker in the debate — an elderly general of Stalinist persuasion who brandished his warrant card and warned of counterrevolution.

The second vote - on the method of election - encountered unexpectedly forceful opposition from deputies whose constituents had taken too enthusiastically to the notion of one man, one vote.

Without warning, a succession of eminent and respected speakers was suddenly an-nounced. The former dis-sident, Mr Roy Medvedev, warned of civil war — and delivered the liberal Marxist vote. Mr Gorbachov's Politburo colleague, Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, argued that the presidency was needed now to unite the country - and delivered the party doubters. The distinguished historian Professor Dmitri Likhachev, put the decision in its cultural context - and delivered the intellectuals.

Last, and most surprisingly, the radical lawyer, Mr Anatoli Sobchak, spoke passionately against holding direct presi-dential elections. He delivered a crucial 200 or so votes from the Inter-Regional Parliamentary Group. They included the 50 votes by which Mr Gorbachov won his majority.

But Mr Sobchak's passion came with a price. The radical deputy was called to the platform after the vote to defend himself against what he regarded as an earlier slur. Politburo members at the next In so doing, Mr Sobchak — all signalled the scheming incriminated the Government in a recent corruption scandal - including the Prime Min-

A nod here, a salute there. signalled the scheming that was afoot 9

Angry and distraught, Mr Ryzhkov asked Mr Gorbachov for an explanation.

Mr Gorbachov professed ignorance of what Mr Sobchak would say, and - lest anyone suspect otherwise - the ideology secretary. Mr Vadim Medvedev, strode the lobby next day saying that the whole episode had been a homble mistake, everyone involved had "misunderstood".

Mr Ryzhkov probably understood only too well. The next day Mr Gorbachov's ning of minor amendments, inaugural address criticized all of which were put to a vote, his Government's performance. An American thinktank had named him as a potential rival for the leaderproached, proceedings were ship. His career looks suddenly accelerated, breaks irretrievable.

Port Moresby (Reuter) - The drunken police chief who tried to overthrow Papua New Guinea's Government is still free while his former colleagues decide if he should face any charges, a senior policeman said yesterday. Former police commissioner Paul Tohian was sacked on Thursday after he tried to organize the coup following a drinking bout at an armed forces barbeque on Wednesday, and a decision on whether charges will be laid is expected next week.

Denktas goes Denkins, president of the breakaway Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, resigned

this week to clear the way for elections on April 22.

ependence Cabinet out

Second (AP) - The South Korean Prime Minister, Mr King Young-hoon and his 22member Cabinet resigned to Erve President Roha free hand to reorganize his admini-Stration.

Taipei fracas

Talpel (Reuter) - Military Police dragged 14 leaders of Taiwan's fledgling opposition party kicking and screaming from the presidential palace after officials had denied hem a meeting with President

Space shot

Toulouse (AFP) - The French valeline SPOT-2, was attempting esterday to photograph the Rabta chemical plant in linya damaged by tire on

Nepal future

Nicosia (AP) - Mr Rauf Kathmandu (AP) - King Birendra of Nepal has rejected demands for a multi-party system in his Himalayan kingdom but said there was room for some reforms in the polmeal system.

Prize design

Tokyo (AFP) - An international jury of 11 awarded a London-based Japanese architech Mr Masayuki Yamanaka, the first prize in a design competition for the Japanese House of Culture in Paris.

Mosque death

Tourcoing, France (Reuter) -The head of the local mosque in this northern French city has committed suicide by setting fire to himself inside the building.

Jump to it

Amsterdam (Reuter) - Durch police are using a surveillance helicopter to track down two kangaroos on the loose for almost a week in heathland in the southern province of

Secret Stasi reports sell like hot cakes



Eager crowds jostling to buy the published Stasi reports in an East Berlin street yesterday. publication of the documents,

and shoving usually suggests an unexpected delivery of bananas or car spare parts.

But the prize yesterday was paperback volume every said. East German wants to pass on to his children: the commands and reports of the Stasi for 1989 as it tried to suppress the growing dissatisfaction and the peaceful revolution in the

Entitled But I Love You All, the valedictory words of the Minister for State Security, Herr Erich Mielke, to the East German Parliament before he was taken off to one of the prisons he used to administer, the book has been brought out by the first tiny independent publisher in the East and is drawn from documents found in the Stasi headquarters by the commission set up to dissolve it.

former Politburo from Herr Mielke, who describes himself as a "progressive force" warning of the "imperialist threats to the state and social order in the GDR". Largely to blame, according to the memos, is the presence of foreign correspondents in the country.

Herr Reinhard Schult, one

of the founders of the opposition group New Forum which helped bring about the

In East Berlin, such long was busy distributing copies to queues and so much pushing crowds gathered as if by magic in a side-street for the sale. "We did not ask for permission to publish from anyone in case they said no," he

> Himself a target of the Stasi's attentions for many years, he was enjoying himself yesterday. "We are selling their top-secret files for 11 marks (£3.50) a go," he said gleefully.

> With a print run of only 40,000 copies, the book is already a rarity and by yes-terday afternoon was changing hands for five times the cover price. "I cannot believe that I have this in my hands," said one young woman, leafing through the pages. "I think I have just grasped for the first time that it is all over."

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the reports is their accuracy in portraying the dissatisfaction which fermented in East Germany throughout last year. One chapter describing the loss of faith in the party and govern-ment could come straight from the discussions of New Forum at the time. Thanks to the extensive network of informers, bugging, and the systematic opening of letters, it probably did.

The names and contacts of

all opposition leaders are

Romanian models in catwalk strike

From Catherine Adams Bucharest

More than 200 leading Romanian fashion models went on strike this week. The models walked out halfway through a fashion show after directors banned cameras from the auditorium, claiming that the West wanted to try to steal

Romanian ideas. The models claim that communist bureaucracy is stifling the fashion industry despite the overthrow of the dictator

Ceausescu. Models are demanding professional status for the first time after being regarded as illegal by the former regime. "Nothing has changed and the state won't help us," said 21-year-old Cristina Urda, after her first appearance on the catwalk in a five-day fashion festival open to foreign observers. Models and designers, now back at work, warned of more strikes unless the repression is lifted.

"Our bosses are engineers and technicians with no brains and no artistic sense. They only keep their job because of who they know," said one 21-year-old designer, Miss Elena Zamfirescu.



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SIMON BARNES

s I have noted before in this space, the reason women don't beat men in conventional sports is not because the events are 100 tough, but because they are not tough enough. I returned from the Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday to find a message from ZaZa Horne in Boston, America on my answerphone. She rowed, as I remember, for Oxford or Cambridge a few years back, now she was anxious to tell me that Susan Butcher had done it again. Yes, she has won the Iditarod, the sled-dog race across Alaska, for the fourth time in five years. She completed one of the toughest events in the world in 11 days, I hour 53 minutes and 23 seconds, beating her own record by 12 minutes. T-shirts were on sale almost immediately, bearing the legend Come to Alaska, where men are men and women win the Iditarod."

Meanwhile, Paul Taylor writes to me from Jersey, politely informing me that I miss some of the big sports stories. "I would have thought the performance of the Lichtenstein table-tennis team in Portugal recently would have been worth a mention. especially as one player has a wooden leg." He encloses a cutting from The Jersey Evening Post to prove that this is no hoax: the unnamed player is also. I learn, the world disabled champion, and obviously rather a superstar. His secret is that he "plays over the table with anti-spin".

he Sports Council, in its role of national gym teacher, has produced a cracking new video as part of a £1 million sponsorship from Midland Bank, in a project aimed at school-leavers. The video features such excitements as track cycling, dry-slope skiing and artificial wall rock-climbing, and it was shot at Calshot Activities Centre in Hampshire. But the centre is now threatened with closure. Hampshire County Council says it can't afford to maintain the place. In fact, it may be demolished. The national motto is "Sport for all (while there's still time)."

erhaps the transition from symbol of self-containied military might to a setting for jeux sans frontières is a healthy development in human history. Anyway, the Great Wall of China ("Sure is a great wall" - Nixon) is to become a racetrack. In September, a motor race will take place along the wall. Lasting 13 days, it will be open to cars and motorbikes, which will travel the 3,000 miles from Shanhaiguan on the Pacific to Jiayguan.





never even politax'

The recent postal excitements meant that I missed the Oxford-Cambridge American football match, won by Oxford 60-19. The game is edging towards half-blue status, and inter-college football is soaring at Cambridge, with teams competing under such names as Jesus Saves, Sidney Opera House, Corpus Christi Courgettes, St John's Ambulance and King's Kongs.

hould one feel sorry for managers or for players at a managerial sacking? Perhaps the true victims are the footballers brought up in sport's equivalent of a broken home. What, then, of Julian Broddin, recently signed for Plymouth Argyle from Barnsley? In a month, he has played under six managers, three at each club.

ost sports are about the pursuit of excellence, but golf is about the pursuit of golf. The idea is to get the ball in the hole not the best way, but the proper way. Clubs must not be this and not be that, and the everlasting debate about whether they should have U-shaped or square grooves has been conducted with Verdi-esque passion. Now in recognition of the increasing popularity of long putters, which are difficult to carry about, the United States Golf Association has approved a collapsible putter. Golfers may now use a telescopic putter - the shaft, not a sight, you understand - provided that it is fully extended. However, the US Equipments Standards Committee turned down a putter that screws together like a pool cue. That, they decided, was adjustable, and therefore did not conform to the rules. see that my colleague Ivor Stanbrook takes the view

that mothers who go out to work "inflict psychological in-jury on their children as well as themselves". On that basis we in Britain are in some trouble. We already have one of the highest proportions of working women in Western Europe, and you do not need to be a labour-market expert to see that this trend will

Young school leavers are in short supply and will get scarcer still. Inevitably, employers are looking for other sources for recruitment, and of course married women returners are high on everyone's list. Let us hope that they succeed, for otherwise be in real difficulty.

But demography is not the only reason for more women working. More and more women want a career. Half the students in medicine, dentistry and the health services are now women. The latest figures for the legal and accountancy profes show similar situations. A quarter of all the self-employed and nearly a third of entrants to the

new morality, one which com-

bines the ethics of social welfare

with the politics of the freedom

of the individual. In the wake of

the anti-communist - or, more

accurately, anti-socialist -

revolution, it offers in East

Germany to take a via media

To its right stand the Chris-

tian-Democrat-inspired apostles

of the Greater German free

market; to its left, the cadres of

the revamped Communist Party,

barking in their mangers against

the West German invasion. How

many of nearly 12 million

electors in East Germany will choose the SPD's "Third Way"

between socialism and capital-

ism - supposing that such a way

exists - is uncertain; Chancellor

Kohl and his East German allies

are coming up on the rails,

the East German SPD's anti-

communist, non-communist,

and ex-communist ranks. At its

recent conference in Leipzig,

the mild-looking, middle-of-the-

road delegates were addressed

from the podium as "Friends

and Comrades", just to be on the safe side. In their own esti-

mation, they are the "decent

people's party", rejecting "Chicago-style capitalism" on the one hand, and "state socialist

They also tell themselves and

the electorate that they are the

practical, undoctrinaire party, as well as being their brothers' keepers: individuality and frater-

nity, a market economy with

some state planning, free choice

and an egalitarian outcome are

asserted to be consistent with

each other. This new morality -

now on offer throughout Eastern

Europe, and coming next in the

Soviet Union - is an old

In East Germany, as else-

anxiety and disillusion; anxiety

at the encroachment of the "law

of the capitalist jungle", disillu-

sion with failed "socialist experi-

mentation". Even leading ex-

communists in East Germany

oppression" on the other.

Ambivalence is everywhere in

puffing and blowing.

Norman Fowler calls for Budget help for working mothers

Taxing freedom of choice

Unlike Ivor Stanbrook, I believe that we should not turn our back on working women, but should aim to make their lives easier and their careers more fulfilling. That does not mean that I undervalue the con-

tribution of women who do not

work outside the home. I entirely

agree that bringing up children can be very much a full-time

Nevertheless, we should recognize that many women with children want both the income and the stimulation of a job outside the home. The aim of policy should not be to force women down pre-determined routes but to give them choice. Let them decide what is in the best interests of their family, while we knock down the bar-

riers which make that choice

Job sharing allows women to divide their time between work and home. Flexi-time arrangements allow mothers to plan their working week to fit in with the time demands of their children. Such measures are increasingly used by employers, and rightly so, but we all know there is still a long way to go. Work nurseries and better child-mind-

ing arrangements are a sensible

To achieve these goals will require partnership between employers and government. I accept that employers have the first responsibility here: it is in their interests that the contribution of women be encouraged. I am not attracted by the suggestion of massive new state provision, for I doubt it could ever provide the required flexibility. But if government is not to be

should certainly be an enabler. It should encourage and support the provision of new facilities -there are two steps that should be taken this month in the Budget.

First, the Chancellor should abolish the tax on workplace nurseries. Since April 1985, an employer's subsidy to workplace nurseries has been taxed as a fringe benefit to the employee. It is treated as a perk like a company car, but is taxed even more severely. If an employee's carnings exceed £8,500, he or she must pay tax at the marginal rate on the whole of the

It is a curious policy, which began only in April 1984. For almost 40 years previously, no one had paid tax on the benefit from a workplace nursery. The policy was then changed in the

payable but had simply not been collected. This left us with the anomaly that a motorist who has free parking at his place of work in central London does not pay tax on this undoubted benefit, while a mother who makes use of a workplace nursery does.

Second, the Chancellor should make it easier for employers to provide childcare vouchers. Such vouchers can be used for all forms of care, and mean that employers have an alternative to setting up their own nurseries. But the tax position on vouchers is even worse than on nurseries. Under present rules, employees are liable to tax whether or not they earn more than £8.500.

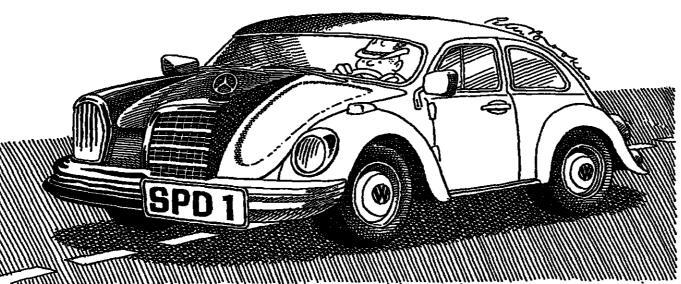
The case for making vouchers tax exempt is also strong. Exemption would share the cost hetween employers and government, but above all it would provide flexibility, leaving choice with the mother, for vouchers can be used to pay for child-minding as well as for nurseries. The Government has already taken a big step in this direction with the childcare payments under the Employment Training programme, which offers up to £50 a week for the child care costs of lone parents entering the programme. The irony is that once the mother has found a job, the help is likely to

Of course I do not claim that these two measures alone would solve the problem. They would, however, give a signal — not the traditional signal to the market, but a more general public signal that the Government takes seri-ously the contribution that working women can make.

We need to encourage women in their careers not just as a necessary response to a demographic problem, but above all because we should make use of all the ability and skill in our

nation.
The author was Secretary of State for Social Services, 1981-1987.

Danger: Bandwagons in middle of road



of the left is changing in Europe

necessary by insisting on restric-

tions upon its efficiency in order

to achieve social ends. But there

were also limits on the accept-

able uses of state power, never

again must the state "lay its

hands on the lives of the

citizens" and interfere with their

"God-given freedom of choice"

in the matter of personal

self-fulfilment. This was the

social democratic programme,

theologically justified; or,

Marxism displaced by a new

The left, in both the Ger-

Protestant Church with sus-

the Nazi period; and many SPD

supporters. East and West, have

nothing to do with any of

the churches. But the Protest-

ant social democrat of Saxony,

Prussia and the other East

German Lander is a century-old

German prototype, now reborn;

and God, with unforeseeable

political consequences, reigns

once more in the post-Marxist

This is not, however, Chris-

tian socialism. The very word

socialism is taboo for most

people in Eastern Europe.

Rather, the claims of social democracy - in East and West

Germany together - are that it

alone can deal with the social

consequences of the German

upheaval; it alone is immune to

the seductions of the German

national spirit; it alone offers

refuge to those exhausted with

ideological dogma, right and left;

and it alone is sensitive to

today's dilemmas over the

environment, the limits of welfare, and the finding of a just

balance between the powers of the state and the rights of

the individual But to the hard-

line Christian Democrats, the

advancing SPD looks much as

Britain's Labour Party looks to

the embattled Tories: like the old

Reformation.

David Selbourne, concluding his approach in East Germany, one slogan series on German reunification, stands out on the billboards of Leipzig and other cities: "The future already has a says that tomorrow's elections will name: SPD". Indeed, social democracy (in West Germany as be a first sign of how the politics well as East, to say nothing of Britain) claims to represent a

> have given up on the old fight for a "socialist alternative to West German capitalism".

In common with others in Eastern Europe, they now want a liberal economy in a "social state", in which a social charter guarantees public accountability and private well-being, the state continues to oversee the general economic and technological evolution of the country, and the individual is otherwise left to his own purposes and market devices. Some of this may be hot air, but it is also Vaclav Havel's aspiration for Czechoslovakia, and Labour's for

owever, in East Germany, and West Germany too, something else is fermenting. A burden is being lifted; the Germans, united, are going to be themselves again, for good or ill. An old-fashioned German persona - Protestant in the majority, with the accession of the predominantly Protestant East Germans - is once more stirring, genial enough and stolidly hardworking. Addressing dele-gates at Leipzig, Ibrahim Böhme, the young East German SPD leader, adopted Goethe's lyric ideal of "hard-work and merry-

making" as a party slogan. At the recent synod of the East German Evangelical Church, which played a leading role in last November's upheavals, its chairman, Bishop Leich of Eisenach, praised God for the East Germans' peaceful revolution. "It will be good", he declared in the accents of a latter-day Luther - who, as a boy, lived in Eisenach - "for everybody to where, it is the product of participate in such a task, and for everybody to benefit from the fruits of his labour."

The church's role he pro-claimed, ex cathedra, would be to fight for the social aspects of the social market economy, if socialism in liberal disguise, ever

Indeed, as Chancellor Kohl locks horns with the East German SPD - in preparation for a similar battle on West German

soil in the December elections the SPD's political positions are coming under increasingly fierce attack. It is potentially neutralist, say the Christian Democrats. is a Johnny-come-lately to the cause of German reunification ("turncoats", Kohl has indelicately called the SPD leaders), and is compromised by years of political dalliance with the former East German Communist Party. In addition, the Christian Democratic Union itself claims to espouse the principles of the social market. In its own eyes it is a one-nation German Tory party, sound on trade union rights, on welfare provision and on state investment in elevating public causes.

ready to impede the market in

the name of social engineering.

n the other side of the political fence, the West German SPD is manies, continues to regard the preening itself in the belief that most of the known picion for its equivocal record in world is already, or will soon become, social democratic; it is even preparing for the Labour Party, with its "sensible new strategies", to take power along-side it. But to the Christian Democrats, German social democracy, whatever its pretensions, is the wave of the past, not the

> In particular, the party expects majority of escapees from Marxism-Leninism to prefer the Christian Democrat version of the ethics of individual freedom. Even if the East Germans were to vote social democracy into office on March 18, it would be a temporary reverse only: prac-tical anxieties about unemployment, pensions, savings and the pace of reunification would have triumphed, not a new politics of socially conscious, anti-capitalist post-Marxism.

> Whatever happens, the politics of the left throughout Europe are changing. Class, state and red flag are giving way everywhere to the individual, the social market, the pink rose and doctrinal muddle. At issue is whether a non-socialist left can have any coherent content or real meaning. In the next couple of years, starting tomorrow in East Germany, we shall begin to get the

Lingua franca or Babel?

Peter Brimelow

New York If General de Gaulle's vision of a Europe united to the Urals ever materializes, it will be about the same size as Canada. It will also have some of the same

"If Canada dies, and the country is now gravely ill, the name of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, should be chiseled on the gravestone," intoned the To-ronto Globe and Mail columnist Jeffrey Simpson recently.

"Deeply regrettable," said Canada's Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. "Extremely damag-ing," said Ontario's Premier David Paterson. "Utterly de-plorable," said Quebec's Premier Robert Bourassa.

The cause of all this distress among Canada's Great and Good? Sault Ste. Marie's council, led by its Italian-Canadian Mayor Joseph Fratesi, had passed a resolution declaring the city's government to be unilingually English. It was rapidly followed by many more, "like a cancer that leaps from one part of a ravaged body to another" as The Globe's Simpson picturesquely described it.

To an outsider, this debate is ludicrously unreal. Ontario municipalities do not yet have to provide services in French (Canada's other official language), but they fear they will be compelled this tell-tale establishment outrage and the fact that the spread of Ottawa's bilingualism policy since its introduction on the federal level in 1968, has been, well, cancer-like. The provincial government of Ontario has just been induced to declare itself officially bilingual, although the French-speaking proportion of the province's population has fallen to 3.8 per cent, virtually ali of whom can also speak English.

Even odder, the provincial government of Quebec, under the same Robert Bourassa, passed legislation last year re-affirming that it is unilingually French. But Canada's establishment didn't seem to find this — and 99 per cent English"deplorable". Or even note- speaking — Canadian West. ment didn't seem to find this

Canada's official bilingualism was supposed to be the panacea against the inexorable emergence of Quebec - where almost all of the country's French minority is concentrated - as an independent French-speaking nation-state on the European model. This was the spectre of death itself to Canada's political élite, since the left-leaning electoral coalitions that have gov-erned from Ottawa throughout much of this century have depended on cultivating a Quebec block vote.

Official bilingualism has failed, of course it has not prevented Quebec governments, under both the avowedly sepa-ratist Parti Quebecois and Bourassa's nominally federalist provincial Liberals, from continuing to carve out increasing institutional autonomy, crushing the province's English-speaking minority in the process. In fact, separatist agitation in Quebec now seems to be in one of its cyclical upswings. Even the Revisited.

Quebec Liberal party recently let its mask slip and voted to consider "sovereignty" as a

policy option.
But Canada's liberal élite has no other solution to offer. So it continues its ritual obeisance to bilingualism, and its reflexive suppression of any Englishspeaking unrest, even to the point of threatening bilingualism's opponents with prosecution under Canada's equivalent of the Race Relations Act.

Official bilingualism is expensive. But the real impact of the policy, and part of the reason it is still so blindly supported, is what economists would call its public choice consequences: its effect, regardless of its ostensible justification, on the actual distribution of perquisites and power. Official bilingualism is not just a matter of exchanging goodwill "bonjours". It absolutely requires that government institutions be run to a significant extent by people who are themselves bilingual. In a country like Canada, which is not remotely bilingual in practice and where government takes somewhere up to half the gross national product, this amounts to massive social engineering.

According to the 1986 census, only some 16.2 per cent of Canada's 25 million people even claim to be bilingual. This proportion has not altered significantly over the years, and less than two out of three French-speakers and slightly more than nine out of ten English speakers are unilingual. All are in effect second-class citizens, unable to aspire to full careers in the civil service or, increasingly, to the highest offices in the land.

Not coincidentally, the effects of official bilingualism are intensely regressive. The policy reinforces precisely those groups in Canadian society from whom power has been slipping, not least "Central Canada", Ontario and Quebec, whose historical domination of the confederation is threatened by the burgeoning

What is the moral for Europe? Basically, that the rise of the nation-state was not an accident. What made it necessary for linguistic groups to have their own political structures was the sociological phenomenon of "modernization". This involved new flows of information and power throughout society, and made language an issue. In Quebec until as recently as 1960, the predominantly rural French were in some sense pre-modern and politically passive. Now they are not. Canada's official bilingualism is merely a transitional phase to their independence.

To the extent that the European Community means the creation of linguistic minorities and government by an unrepre-sentative multilingual élite, this moral will eventually have to be

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Does anybody actually watch those televised TV and film

'awards" ceremonies? The question occurred to me when I had to present one. Not mind you - that it was I whom they had wanted. Someone really famous had let them down, and a man from the 12th floor at LWT telephoned to ask if I'd stand in, gabbling something about Ricky (or whoever) having to be in California and Michael Aspel, the host, wondering (gab-ble-gabble)...take Ricky's place at the Grosvenor and present (gabble-gabble) — something about a West German documentary on the sufferings of Turkish guest-workers in a chemical factory, videoed upsidedown with a camera concealed in

a duffle-bag. "How much?" I said. "How much?" said the man and I heard disbelieving female

Making the worst of the best

giggles at the other end - "You're oking? It's an incredible honour. No one asks that. Even Tina Turner's doing it for free." So, mindful of the honour, I turned up at the Grosvenor and went through with it. It was

extremely boring. Even I was bored, and I was on the stage. Worse, my secretary said I was the only award-presenter not to have done up the button of my dinner jacket. The tedium was only relieved by being seated at a table with a nice lady who said her name was Virginia. She said she had just come back from Jersey Zoo. Before that she had visited zoos in France, some in Italy (I think) and one in Turkey.

"Gosh" I said, meaning to make spirited conversation what a funny sort of holiday! You must be wild about zoos!" Her eyes — momentarily — betrayed anger, which she con-trolled swiftly, changing the sub-ject. Later I discovered that this was Virginia McKenna and she is apparently very against zoos. She was remarkably polite, in the circumstances, and I resolved to go to the cinema more.

And last week they were at it again. I idly switched on the TV. "And now", said a voice, "we come to a major award. Best video-lighting sequence. This was an incredibly competitive field. From a wealth of talent, the



judges have chosen..." and I switched off again, horrified at the prospect of a camera panning in to someone at a table scream ing "Me? Oh my Gad. I can't believe it and all her friends

popping champagne corks and

This was near the beginning of the show, for heaven's sake: what would the later awards be for? Best graphics on end-credits? Best dubbed voice and silhouette of a terrorist giving interview to British journalist on the Shankhill Road estate? Best make-up artist's work concealing stubble of Labour MP?

This was a "craft" awards ceremony - no possibility, that is, of either the skills or the personalities meaning anything at all to viewers. But there are the bigname ceremonies too: usually Tina Turner receiving an award, Tina Turner presenting an award,

or Tina Turner singing during the interval. Often, all three. Tina is followed by the awardrecipient who couldn't be with us "at this time" but appears on a

large screen, by satellite, and expresses delight completely out of sync with the interviewer our side of the Atlantic, due to the time-delay in outer space. And the inevitable sister of Michael Jackson who has flown in to receive the award on his behalf, because her brother is at present rejuvenating in a plastic bag.

And of course there are the clips. Fatuous, arbitrary-seeming 30-second clips from whatever performance has won the award. They never work, How could

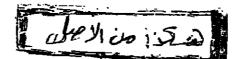
they? Like those disappointing snatches of a great comedian's or tragic actor's best moments, inserted into obituarial news-reports, the thing is quite flat without the context on which it depended. The celebrity guests at the tables (who have not been

watching) applaud.

The clips are followed by speeches. Expressions of surprise, gratitude or humility of stagger-ing insincerity, followed by lists of "those who made it possible", of staggering banality. By this watching only in the faint hope that something might go horribly wrong - a presenter tripping over a trailing cable, perhaps, or the

AutoCue packing up. Just one mountain remains unclimbed. Who will be the first to screen the "best TV awardsceremony" Awards? Tina Turner

is available to do the cabaret.





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THE URNS OF EAST GERMANY

East Germans go to the polls tomorrow. For the millions who endured for 40 years in silence, the moment is sweet. The hopes aroused by the autumn revolutions all over central Europe are this spring reaching fulfilment. Only in Germany does apprehension cloud the horizon.

Tomorrow is also the centenary of Bismarck's fall. Chancellor Kohl has set himself the daunting task of restoring a united Germany - the Iron Chancellor's empire, minus the eastern provinces and Alsace-Lorraine - while not breaking faith with Adenauer's westward-looking federal vision.

Against him stood Herr Willy Brandt. The grand old man of Social Democracy was projected by his party far more than Herr Oskar Lafontaine — his party's challenger to Herr Kohl in next December's West German elections - and made an eloquent case for a new Germany as the fount of peace and the fulcrum of European culture.

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It was, however, an election fought in the shadow of a flight of skilled labour and impending state bankruptcy. East Germans wanted to know whether their savings would be secured by a generous exchange rate, underwritten by the Bundesbank. Herr Kohl was unequivocal; Herr Lafontaine seemed less sure. It remains to be seen whether Herr Kohl will have to pay a political price among disgruntled West German taxpayers for his generosity to their East German countrymen.

The politicians from Bonn had a field day. During the campaign, indeed, the Chancellor himself became a major factor. Over a million Fast Germans attended his six big meetings, and his magnetism was such that by the end he needed only to mention German unity to have his audience in ecstasy. Herr Kohl's mid-election about-turn on the Polish border issue seemed to be accepted. So, too, was his insistence that a reunified Germany must remain anchored in Nato.

In the last week, the right-of-centre Alliance for Germany nosed ahead of the reformed Social Democrats in the polls. But in such uncharted electoral territory, and with 24

parties involved, predictions must be even more tentative than usual.

There were limits to the ad hominem cutand-thrust of the campaign. It was remarkable that, after 40 years of state-sponsored "anti-Zionism", no attempt was made to exploit the fact that both the Democratic Socialist (communist) leader, Herr Gregor Gysi, and his Social Democrat counterpart, Herr Ibrahim Bohme, are Jewish. That such restraint cannot be taken for granted was demonstrated in Austria by President Kurt Waldheim's notorious campaign of 1986.

For the new East German parties, it was a first real test. Not all of them passed. Despite generations of collaboration, both Social Democrats and Christian Democrats proved able to rise above their ignominious past. Involvement with the communist regime of one kind or another was a charge that few East German politicians could honestly deny.

It was a shock, even so, when the leader of the CDU's junior partner in the Alliance for Germany, Herr Wolfgang Schnur of Democratic Awakening, turned out to have spied for the secret police. Protesting his innocence, he had to be bullied into resignation by Herr Kohl's lieutenants, only four days before the election. His prompt replacement by a clergyman. Pastor Rainer Eppelmann, with impeccable anti-communist credentials, may reassure voters that the Alliance has not been infiltrated by frauds.

"Beauty is truth, truth beauty," Keats says in the "Ode on a Grecian Urn". Since ancient Athenians filled their urns with pebbles more than two millenniums ago, democracy has rarely staged such a triumphant procession as the sequence of elections now commencing. Remembering the falsified results of last May's local elections by Honecker and Krenz, East Germans already know that democracy can be degraded by liars in high office. This first free election since 1933 demonstrated their resolve to force their leaders to tell them the truth, even when it was ugly. Europe need not fear a nation which is honest with itself.

HUMPTY DUMPTY IN JERUSALEM

When political activity resumes in Jerusalem tomorrow after the Sabbath, President Chaim Herzog will start the process of trying to put Humpty Dumpty together again. The Labour Party had been sapping the foundations of the wall for three weeks, and they had their victory on Thursday when five members of the Orthodox Shas Party decided to abstain on a motion of no confidence in the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

What will replace the "coalition of national unity"? Who will be at its head? What will be its majority in the Knesset? Observers of the istach political scene are wise to remember the old Talmudic saying that after the destruction of the Second Temple, the gift of prophecy was reserved for children and fools.

To say that the fall of Mr Shamir is good for Israel is not to take sides. The loveless embrace in which Israel's two major parties have been locked for the past 15-months has never been convincing, and occasionally it has looked downright unedifying. The coalition foundered on deep disagreements about how the peace process should be pursued, and it is right that the possibilities should now be explored of putting together an administration that would make a better fist of it.

It is not a law of nature that the new government will be very different from the old. "Two Israelis, three political parties", says the old saw. The Israeli character and temperament will clearly not change. Should they instead try to modify their electoral system? It is highly unlikely that the attempt will be made this time round. The parties which would stand to lose most are the religious parties and it is they who at present hold the balance of

Putting together a Knesset majority makes three-dimensional chess seem easy. None of the parties is anything like as monolithic as they are sometimes portrayed - Likud and Labour have both been accurately described as "political supermarkets" - and there is a great deal of fluidity within and between the various

groupings. The five members of the Shas Party who brought Mr Shamir down on Thursday, for instance, decided to abstain on the ground that life might be saved if the peace process went forward and would continue to be lost if it were delayed. The days when the religious parties were automatically assumed to be on the right of the Israeli political spectrum are clearly over, if indeed there ever was such a

The smile of jubilation which Mr Peres permitted himself in the Knesset on Thursday may become less broad in the course of the next few weeks, for all that, I here was a time when the Labour Party was almost synonymous with the nation, but those palmy days of effortless ascendancy are long past. Mr Peres has been less clever than his Likud rivals at bringing on a new generation. He says he is confident that he can muster a large majority in support of the peace process, but that is by no means certain. Five of the 60 members of the Knesset who voted with him on Thursday are from Arab or communist parties which Labour would find it impossible to accept as partners in government.

If it comes to an election, there are two issues on which there will be no disagreement. Israelis are at one in wishing to see a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Only an eccentric handful would countenance the idea of negotiation with the PLO. Beyond that, the rival manifestos would offer a wide range of incompatible views.

It has not yet been established whether the winds blowing from eastern Europe will have any effect on Israel or what that effect would be. The events of the next few weeks will certainly be closely watched in Washington. There has been some feeling in Jerusalem that the United States has come within an ace of abandoning its role of honest broker in recent weeks. That is something Mr Shamir could easily turn to his advantage. For the next few weeks at least, State Department officials can be expected to be models of circumspection.

LIFE AND DEATH

There is widespread sympathy for Dr Stephen Lodwig, accused of murdering a terminally-ill patient. He was cleared at the Central Criminal Court this week when the prosecution offered no evidence. The experience must for all that have been a terrifying one for a young man at the start of his career.

To some extent he had himself to blame. He allegedly told a nurse "I'm going to send somebody up out there" - then drew one linger across his throat and pointed in the air. The nursing staff reported him, and were praised by the judge for their vigilance. The questions raised by the episode, however, have title to do with a young man's indiscretion. They touch upon the duty of a doctor and how this is interpreted by society. Dramatic advances in medical science have made them more pertinent than ever. They have also made the answers more clusive.

Dr Lodwig gave his patient an injection which might be categorized as high-risk. He did so, however, with the consent of the patient's relatives, who had pleaded with him to ease the poor man's pain. It was a professional decision. He made it in good faith and in what he felt were the best interests of the Dalient

The power over life and death is both a privilege and a burden borne by doctors, but the line between the two has become blurred by advances in technology and drugs. The decision on whether to turn off the life support machine of a young person in a coma following an accident is one over which relatives and doctors have to agonize from time to time. The diestion of how tar one may go in lessening the agony of incurable cancer is no less testing.

It would be difficult to codify such judgements. One must continue, for instance, to oppose the legalization of euthanasia. The campaign to do so was briefly revived four years ago following the revelation that the dying King George V was given drugs to ease his suffering. Even in Holland, where one death in three may now result from euthanasia, the practice remains illegal.

This is not to condemn those occasional tragic cases where it is practised by desperately sick people. The story told in court yesterday of Mrs Karen Taylor who was persuaded by her husband, crippled by multiple sclerosis, to give him a lethal dose of sleeping tablets, clearly deserved the sympathy expressed by the judge.

The sanctity of life remains paramount, however, and any doctor who devalues it does so at his peril. The erosion of that ethic would undermine the confidence between doctors and their patients. It is better to leave the guidelines indistinct than to shift the balance of existing legislation.

Doctors faced by this moral dilemma might, however, feel it sensible to take precautions. To exercise such a judgement without consulting the relatives would clearly be to lay oneself open to an inquiry. It would also be wise to consult a medical colleague. If the issue is to arise more often in future, medical practitioners will clearly feel the need of some

Whether the case against Dr Lodwig should have been brought is more easily answered. The law must be observed, but the circumstances were such that to arraign him on a charge of murder reflects more on the legal than on the medical profession.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Looking abroad for market truths

From Mr Michael Heseltine, MP for Henley (Conservative)
Sir, Your second leader in yesterday's paper (March 14) makes reference to the lessons we can learn from Germany and Japan and misrepresents my views.

The first lesson is proper management of the economy to pro-vide price stability as the essential background for industry and commerce. That is why I argue for an independent central bank and our early membership of the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism).

The second is the consistent high quality of German and Japanese education and training standards. For a century or more we have failed to emulate them. This is now clearly realised and this Government is tackling both.

The third is the need for a strong home market, large enough to sustain competition between com-panies and enable them to win in world markets. That is why I exposed the defence industries to effective competition and why I strongly supported the Government in the passage of the Single

The fourth is the vital role of management in pursuing excellence at every level of a company's performance. That must include proper motivation of the work force.

The fifth is the close relationship between owners and managers in German and Japanese companies, which enables them to work for the long term, building up their market share and more readily directing resources to research and development and training.

The sixth is the effect of the fiscal incentives in our society, which encourage the growth of home ownership and the provision of institutional pensions. These are desirable objectives but they explain, in part, the difference in savings patterns be-tween those two countries and our

All else fades into insignificance compared to these vital factors. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HESELTINE House of Commons, March 15.

have to say that men and women

in Eastern Europe risked their

lives in popular movements to establish democracy, while British mobs, revealing their own under-

standing of democracy, endan-

gered other people's lives in

demonstrations to advertise their

refusal to pay a charge, democrati-

cally authorised, designed to meet

a fraction of the costs of services

Sir, Homeowners often complain

that they pay for local services of

which non-homeowners partake

but contribute nothing towards.

However, nearly all property-

owners are receiving or have

received mortgage interest relief

over many years. It seems that they have not thought to ask what

the source is of such a generous

subsidy, which is running at the

The source is the general fund of

taxation, in other words the home

of taxpayers money, and non-

homeowners are not exempted

rate of £7 billion a year.

from contributing to it.

Clapham South, SW12.

Yours sincerely,

18 Cavendish Road

A. E. LUCAS,

March 13.

provided for their community?

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY TREASURE,

57 The High Street,

Harrow on the Hill,

From Mr A. E. Lucas

March 11.

Surprise and disquiet over poll tax From Major General B. C. tumultuous months, will they

Gordon Lennox Sir. The Government seems to have been taken by surprise by the poll tax rates set by many local councils, and the consequent implications for the less well-off. Its surprise probably results, in part at least, from central govern-ment's lack of understanding of the detailed functions, strengths and limitations of local government.

Today members of Parliament tend to get involved in local government issues only when problems emerge. For their part, local councillors must often leave much of their council's discussions with central government to committees of officials.

In our increasingly complicated and congested country, the time may have come when the larger local authorities should each have a small but articulate liaison team, whose sole purpose would be to find out and communicate to their councils as it might affect them, the ideas and future proposals of central government, and vice

Yours faithfully, BERNARD GORDON LENNOX (Chairman, Sane Planning in the South East), Hill House, Eversley, Hampshire. March 12.

From Mr G. R. R. Treasure Sir, When historians come to record the events of the last

Misuse of footpaths

Sir, I act for several farmers and

landowners near Bath whose land

abuts paths which are to be

reclassified by the local authority

into "Boats" (byways open to all

traffic) under the strangely worded provisions of the Wildlife and

From Mr Jonathan Cheal

Countryside Act 1981.

of the change.

in question for some years as of right. This is flatly contradicted by local people who have lived in the area all their lives and who are keen to testify that the path has never been used by vehicles of any type, and that it is impassable by anything other than a walker or a

If the letter of the Act is to be imposed with such scant regard The Act allows a "Rupp" (road for reality, and the wishes of used as a public path) to be turned country people, it is a great pity, into a "Boat" on the sole criterion and many old paths will as a result of historical evidence (often of be turned into race tracks, along dubious status) regardless of the which walkers and horse riders desirability or practical suitability will be reluctant to venture. Yours faithfully.

Some local authorities seem JONATHAN CHEAL prepared to order this reclassifica-Thrings & Long (Solicitors), Midland Bridge Road, tion purely on the word of motorbike clubs who allege that their Bath, Avon. members have been using the path March 14.

The Satanic Verses'

From Mr Richard Webster

Sir, The Reverend Alan Cooke's rather curt letter (March 2) about The Satanic Verses affair should not be allowed to pass without comment. The crucial question is not, as he suggests, whether "the Muslims' God is offended by Salman Rushdie's book", but whether Muslims themselves have been. Nobody by now can doubt that they have and that their feelings of hurt are deep and entirely authentic.

If, in our Christian or post-Christian society, we find these feelings difficult to understand this is partly because, as Professor Michael Dummett observed recently, intellectuals have sanctified the assumption "that religious believers may properly be affronted, indeed deserve to be affronted".

Harrods findings

From Mr T. H. Richardson Sir, I doubt very much whether the Al Fayed lies amounted to anv sort of criminal offence. If so, they clearly fell within the province of the Director of Public Prosecutions and would not be one for the Secretary of State for Trade and industry to deal with.

Mr Ridley's powers of disqualification are governed by the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. The grounds upon which action can be taken are set out in the Act and can be paraphrased under the following

. Certain serious criminal of-2. Persistent disregard of the company's rules regarding ac-COURTS, etc.

The unfitness of a director. The Act is quite specific on what constitutes unfitness, paraphrased as follows: (a) breaches of duty towards the company itself; (b) misappropriation of funds; (c) the company entering into improper

Catholic perspective nor his Christian faith. But I do share his concern at the callousness and insensitivity of the intellectual culture we have created. It is time we recognised that

As an atheist who was brought

up as a Methodist, I share neither

Professor Dummet's Roman

when we thrust the dagger of our intellectual superiority into the heart of other people's simple faith we are engaging in a form of intellectual cruelty which is actually a form of real cruelty. If we compound the offence by using obscenity to grease the dagger of insult, we are almost bound to engender an angry response. We should not now seek to renew the insult by publishing The Satanic Verses in paperback.
Yours faithfully, RICHARD WEBSTER, The Orwell Bookshop, 64 High Street, Southwold, Suffolk.

deals; (d) no proper accounts; (e) misconduct on insolvency.

None of these grounds are available to Mr Ridley and his only fault appears to have been that he was too laconic in explaining matters to the House of Commons. Yours faithfully T. H. RICHARDSON,

Doberman, Richardson, Broady & Horsman (Solicitors), College Chambers. 92/94 Borough Road. Middlesbrough, Cleveland. March 12 From Dr R. G. L. von Zugbach

Sir, Most correspondence of the past week (March 10, 12, 13, 15) on the Harrods affair demonstrates the primitiveness of thinking about business in this country. Competitive commerce is not a game of cricket.

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Prospect of Nazi war crimes trials

From Lord Shawcross, QC Sir, If I may adopt his own choice of language, Professor Cameron Watt (March 14) should "certainly know better" than "to break out" into the "pretty dubious rhetoric" which characterizes his letter on war crimes.

I am not clear on the meaning of the second paragraph of his letter. There is no question of a statute of remission for war crimes. If Parliament thought such a statute appropriate there is no legal reason to inhibit it. What is at issue now is rather the opposite, namely legislation permitting, at least 45 years after the event, prosecutions for war crimes in this country which under existing law could not take place.

By 1947-48 all political parties had concluded that the prosecution of war crimes should be brought to an end. Lawyers, led by me as the then Attorney General, had been anxious to bring a far larger number of war criminals to rial – although, as I minuted the Prime Minister, warning that at the then dilatory rate of progress the trials would "go on till the crack of doom". The fact was that a period was reached when it was received when the dilatory that the trials had generally felt that the trials had become, as the phrase then was,

"counter-productive". Early in 1947 the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, minuted the War Secretary that "It is desirable that all trials should be completed by March 1st, 1947, or as soon thereafter as possible." It is significant that it was the overseas reconstruction committee of the Cabinet which eventually took the formal decision "that the 1st September, 1948, was to be a firm date for the end of such trials."

Commonwealth Relations minuted the Commonwealth countries on July 13, 1948, that ... in our view punishment of war discouraging future generations than of meting out retribution to every guilty individual. Moreover, in view of future political developments in Germany . . . we are convinced that it is now necessary to dispose of the past as soon as possible.

The Secretary of State for

Mr Churchill, on October 28, 1948 told Parliament: Revenue is of no satisfaction, the most costly and long drawn out: retributive persecution is, of all policies, the most pernicious. Our policy, subject to the exceptional cases I have mentioned, should benceforward be to draw the sponge across the crimes and horrors of the past - hard as that may be - and look, for the sake of all our salvations, towards the future.

British Jewry From Professor Geoffrey

Sir, The assertion by Dr Kopelowitz, the President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews ("A worthy successor to Jakob-ovits", March 10), that the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations "is generally rec-ognized both outside the Jewish community, and within it, as the public religious representative of the totality of British Jewry" is in my view nothing more than a piece of wishful thinking.

The constitution of the Board of Deputies stipulates that on religious matters the board must be guided by its two ecclesiastical authorities, the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations and the spiritual head of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews; additionally, it must consult with the ecclesiastical authorities of affiliated congregations which do not recognize the authority of either of these two gentlemen. The

Past services

From Mr Leslie Duckworth Sir, Mr Randle (March 9) queries the significance of "emeritus" as an academic title. The late Professor Seaborne Davies, a great teacher of law and former Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Liverpool, had the title "Professor Emeritus" conferred

upon him when he retired. Thereafter he liked to explain, "for the benefit of those who had not had the advantage of a classical education", that the "E" was derived from the Latin meaning out", and "meritus" indicated that it was deservedly so. Yours faithfully, LESLIE DUCKWORTH,

4 Irton Road, Southport, Merseyside.

their families, their backers and to themselves to maximise competitive advantage by all possible means, short of breaking the law. An entrepreneur who baulks at misleading some jack-in-office, with no legal come-back, is clearly derelict in his duty. Such a person is not fit to have control of the property of others, for he is liable to place personal whim or scruple before the duty of care towards the assets in his charge.

If the Fayeds lied to Department of Trade and Industry officials, breaking no law, this must be judged as the normal and proper behaviour of competent and responsible entrepreneurs. The wrath that has been directed at them would be better targeted at the officials who were so incompetent as to be duped. am. Sir, your obedient servant,

REGGLE von ZUGBACH, Glasgow Business School Department of Management Studies, University of Glasgow, 53-59 Southpark Avenue, Glasgow.

him by saying the sponge had been

In my own opinion, as a once mere practising lawyer, the prosecutions which are contemplated by the Bill now before Parliament would violate the basic principles of British justice and law. But Professor Cameron Watt would no doubt characterize such a view as "dubious rhetoric". It comes, however, from one who was one of the main protagonists

of bringing war criminals to justice

Yours truly, HARTLEY SHAWCROSS, House of Lords. March 14.

after the war

From Sir Frederick Lawton Sir, Professor D. Cameron Watt accepts, somewhat reluctantly, that practicability may prevent some trials. He seems to think there will be no practical problems once the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided that there is enough evidence to put before a court. Weighing the evidence will provide many more.

The evidence put before the courts is likely to fall into one or other or all of three categories: evidence of confessions, eye-witness accounts of events, coupled with evidence identifying the accused with them, and inferences of guilt reasonably to be drawn from proven or admitted facts, that is

circumstantial evidence. The present-day disquiet over the reliability of confessions and the need for courts to enquire in details and depth into the circumstances in which they were made will be difficult to dispel in respect of any confessions made over 40 years ago on Soviet territory. Eye witness accounts of events a long time ago can be unreliable, evidence of identification notoriously

Circumstantial evidence is likely to be the most reliable, provided that the court knows what the circumstances were.

Over 20 years ago in the libel action arising out of the publication of the novel Exodus, the plaintiff, Dr Dering, had to admit that he had sterilised a number of men and women but alleged that: he had done so under fear for his own life. The jury must have found that issue difficult to decide.

As the trial judge I found giving them a direction on it very difficult indeed. So, in my view, will whoever presides over these proposed trials. Yours truly, FREDERICK LAWTON,

The Village, Skelton, York. The Home Secretary followed March 14.

> Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, which Dr Kopelowitz mentions, is not even affiliated to

the board.

Government departments most certainly do not recognize the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations as representing the totality of British Jewry. For example, a consultative document issued by the Ministry of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food in June, 1989, contained the names of no fewer than nine rabbis whose views the ministry sought, and of

three synagogal bodies. The notion that the Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations is somehow the "public religious representative" of British Jewry lacks all substance, and the forthcoming retirement of Rabbi Lord Jakobovits seems to me a most opportune time for it to be finally laid to rest.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY ALDERMAN,

Wit's End. 172 Colindeep Lane, NW9.

Gallipoli campaign From Mr J. A. Mizzi

Sir, Brian James's account (March 3) of the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign revives memories in Malta among the relatives of the many Maltese who fought and died there in the warships and regiments. One of the first Anzacs to fall on April 25 was a Maltese; so was one of the last to die at the evacuation

of Cape Helles on January 7. Maltese officers won two Military Crosses and many were mentioned in despatches. Some 800 Maltese provided the labour battalions with the Anzacs. Malta also looked after 2,500 officers and 55,500 other ranks at the 28 hospitals and convalescent camps for the sick and wounded from the Dardanelles. The dockyard pro-vided all the needs for the large Allied naval force.

All this, it seems, has been forgotten and Malta has not been invited to the ceremonies being held in Turkey on April 25 for the 75th anniversary of the landings. Yours truly,

J. A. MIZŹI 13 The White House, Our Lady of Sorrows Street. St Paul's Bay,

Sleeping easy

From Mr D. A. Chance Sir, Is the duvet (or continental quilt) an invention of the devil? One is either too hot or, without it,

When confronted with it while staying with friends, should one (a) ask for blankets or (b) adapt oneself - and if so, how? Yours sincerely D. A. CHANCE. The Grange, Funtington, Chichester, West Sussex

March 14,

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GEORGE COSTAKIS

The man who rescued Russia's abstract paintings

OBITUARIES

Exter, had barely been heard

of in the West in those years.

Nor had Costakis himself then

an idea that one day he would

have a treasure on his hands.

Costakis's apartment in

Moscow was the only place

where art lovers in the know

could see such works. Igor

Stravinsky, the composer, and

Marc Chagall were among the

Gradually Western art scholars began to seek

Costakis out until he felt that

he was, as he once out it,

sitting on a barrel of

He no longer dared to

display these banned works

openly on his walls, his flat

was burgled and there was

later a fire at his dacha, all in

Soviet authorities directly to

try and do a deal. Eventually,

after lengthy negotiations, he was permitted to leave the

Soviet Union with 20 per cent

of his collection, the remain-

der going to the Tretyakov

He emigrated, accompanied

by his wife and family, 10

Greece in 1978 and since then

works from his collection have

been exhibited in many parts

Gallery in Moscow.

in an Athens suburb.

He decided to approach the

suspicious circumstances.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 16: General Sir John Akchurst was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Mr David Ratford was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary at

Mrs Ratford was also received by The Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Head-quarters of Tarmac Pic,

Hilton Hall, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. Afterwards, His Royal High-ness visited Bugatti Molsheim Ltd. Prescott, Gotherington, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs). Captain Michael Hutchings

was in attendance. By Command of The Queen, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Air-port, London this evening upon the departure of The President of the People's Republic of Mozambique and bade farewell

Her Majesty.
The Princess Royal,
President, Federation Equestre
Internationale, this afternoon attended the World Cup Final Dressage, Nashua, s-Hertogenbosch, Holland. Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

to His Excellency on behalf of

Memorial service

Professor A.A. (Alec) Parker sor A.A. (Alec) Parker was held yesterday in the Chapel of King's College London. Father Jim Overton officiated, Mr Bernard Parker, son, read ex-cerpts from his father's un-published autobiography.

Marriage

The Earl of Portsmouth and Miss A. Fergusson The marriage took place yes-terday in Sheridan, Wyoming, of the Earl of Portsmouth, of Farleigh Wallop, Basingstoke, Hampshire, to Miss Annabel Fergusson, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Ian Fergusson, of Tudor Place, Richmond Green,

TODAY: Sir Donald Barron, former chairman, Midland Bank, 69; Lady (Megan) Bull, former governor, Holloway Prison, 68; Dr Sir Barry Cross, president, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 65; Vice-Admiral Sir Donald Gibson, 74; Sir Arthur Hockaday, former director-general Commondirector-general, Common-wealth War Graves Com-mission, 64; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lothinière, Sir Edmond Joly de Lotomere, 87; Mr Robin Knox-Johnston, yachtsman, 51; the Earl of Lauderdale, 79; Professor John Lill, pianist, 46; Mrs Penelope Lively, writer, 57; Mr Rudolf Nureyev, ballet dancer and choreographer, 52; the Most Rev K.M.P. O'Brien, Arch-bishop of St Andrews and bishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh, 52; Sir Patrick Reilly, diplomat, 81; Dr Sir Raymond Rickett, director, Middlesex Polytechnic, 63; Miss Galina Samsova, ballerina, 53; Dr David Stafford-Clark, psychiatrist, 74; Mr Michael Whitaker, showjumper, 30.

TOMORROW: Professor Alexander Boksenberg, director, Royal Greenwich Observatory, 54; Major D.H. Butter, Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kin-ross, 70; Mr J.P. Dawson, trades unionist, 50; Miss Lois Dyer, physiotherapist, 65; Mr Pat Eddery, jockey, 38; Sir William Fraser, principal and vice-chan-cellor, Glasgow University, 61; Sir Peter Harrop, civil servant, 64; Mr Alex Higgins, snooker player, 41; Mr Patrick Kavanagh, former deputy commissioner Metropolitan commissioner Metropolitai Police, 67; Sir Robin McAlpine, former chairman, Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, 84; Profes-sor Sir Gordon Robson, ansthetist, 69; Mr Alan Sapper, strates unionist, 59; Mr Ingemar Stenmark, skier, 34; Lord Strathspey, 78; Professor Eric Sunderland, vice-chancellor, University of Wales, 60; Mr John Updike, writer, 58.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Field Marshal Sir John Stanier to be Constable of the Tower of London, in succession to Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, who retires in July. Brigadier Malcolm Gray

Dennison to be Lord Lieutenant of Orkney, in succession to Sir Robert Macrae. Lord Shuttleworth to be Chairman of the Development Com-mission, in succession to Lord

Services tomorrow

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9.50 M. 11 Divine Liturgy.
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hodox. Engismore Gdns. SW7: Orthodox. Erinismore Gdns. SW7: 10.30 Divine Libray. CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Ser-blan Orthodox, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Libray.

Social.

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1.50 HC: 11.15 MP. Responses
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a C. Lord let me know mine end
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T. CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church)
VC2: 9 HC: 11 Choral Exch. Rev S Ware.

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Wesley).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 1:
\$ Euch, Rev G de Meilo.
ALL SAINTS, Margarel Street. W1: 6.
5.15 LM: 1: HM. Missa Brevis (Leighton). Tristis est anima mea (Poulenc). Rev Canon P Penwarden: 6 E & B. Pauxbourdons (Wilans). When David heard (Weelkes). Rev P E & B. Fauxourus C. Fev P. David heard (Weelkes). Rev P. Whetan. All SOULS Langham Place. Wi: 11 Rev I Bentley: 6.30 Communion Service. Rev S. Wookey. Old Church Street, Sws: 8. 12 HC. 10 Children's Service: 11 M. 6 E. Preb C. Children's Service: 11 M. 6 E. Preb C. Thomson:
CHREST CHURCH. CHELSEA. SW3:
8 HC. 11 S. Euch. Rev S. Wasson.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South
Audiey Street: 8.15 HC: 11 S. Euch.
Missa Brevis (Walton). Drop. drop
slow tests (Walton). Note Mortem
Peccatoris (Morley). Rev A. Marks.
HOLY TRINITY. Brompton Road.
SW7: 11 HC. Rev J. Milliar: 6.30 Guest
Service. Rev N. Gumbel.
HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consort
Road. SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 Choral HC.
Rev. Dr. M. Israel.
HOLY TRINITY. Stoane Street. SW1:
8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 S. Euch. Rev. K.
L. Yates. ates. ALBAN'S, Brooke St. EC1: 9.30 11 HM. Missa Aelema Christi era (Palestrina), Rev M Johnson: SM: 11 HM. Missa Aeleria Cristsi
Munera (Palestrina), Rev M Johnson
5.30 LM
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE CREAT.
Smithfield. ECI 9 HC: 11 M & HC.
Benedicile (Shaw). O Lord in Thy
wrath (Gibbors): 6.30 Choral E. Missa
Isle Confessor (Palestrina).
Improperium (Lassus). The Rector.
ST BRIDE'S. Fleef Street. ECI: 11 M
E Euch. Dyson in F. Miss Bet Amnitrat
(Lassus). Remember not. Lord. our
offences (Purcell). Canon J Cates.
6.30 E. Daniel Purcell in Eminor.
Lord. Ret me know mine end (Creans).
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ST GEORG'S. Bioomsbury. WCI: 30
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a G minor (Vaughan Williams).
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The Vicar.
ST LUKE'S. Cheisea. SW3: 8, 12.15
HC 10.30 S Euch. Darke in E. Thou Knowest. Lord (Purcell). Rev M Butchers: 6.30 E. Civitas Sancti Tui Charol. Rev. V Stock. Knowest. Lord (Purcell), Rev M Butchers: 6.30 E. Crvitas Sanctl Tul (Byrd), Rev V Slock.

ST MARKICS, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC: 10 Family C: 11 S. Euch. Collegium Regale (Howells), Like as the hart (Howells), Rev T Devonstere Jones.

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ST MICHAELS. Corpubil, EC3: 11 M Gruhodox. Eunismore Gdns. SW7:

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The Chapel Royal St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 Mp. Ubi Caritas (Eadale). Rev £ Ayerst.

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> ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Pool Street. SW1; 11 Rev W Carris: 6.30 Rev S Duniesty. CROWN COURT CHURCH CF. 1.1.15. LOVER COLUMBA COLUMBA COLUMBA THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street. W1: 8. IQ. 12. 4. 6 LM: 11 SM. Missa Papae Marcetti Palestrina). Pentien-tial Psalm VII (Lassus). CHURCH OF OUR LADY. Lisson Grove, St. John's Wood: 10.45 SM. Mass for 4 voices (Byrd). Hel mibit formine (Chertero). FARM STREET. W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10. 12.15. 4.15. 6.16 LM: 11 HM. Missa For four voices (Byrd). Dennine for mercum (Lassus). Quando Corpus (Perpolecti). TORY. Progranted Boat.

Birthdays

George Costakis, who died in Athens on March 9 at the age of 78, was very largely respon-sible for saving and documenting the remarkable & works of art produced during the first heady days of postrevolutionary Russia.

From the 1940s until 1978, when he and his family left the Soviet Union for Greece, he collected perhaps five or six thousand works of more than 40 artists whose early abstact work had since been proscribed by Stalin as "formalist" and "degenerate". Costakis was born in Mos-

cow in 1912. His father had been a wealthy tobacco merchant, originally from the Ionian island of Zakinthos, who lost his money in the 1917 Revolution, though he nevertheless supported its aims. George had to begin working when he finished primary school and trained as a car mechanic, finding a job as a driver at the Greek Legation.

During the 1930s, inspired by his memories of the family's going to church, he began to collect Russian icons, silver and other antiques.

After the Second World War, however, when he be-came an administrative officer at the Canadian Embassy, he first saw a painting by the Suprematist artist. Olga Rozanova, and became fascinated by the colours and forms of the swiftly-changing art movements that had introduced abstraction to Russia during the first two decades or so of this century.

Costakis decided to seek out similar artists, including the former Constructivists earlier collection of antiques. Alexander Rodchenko and his Some of the artists, disillu-



Costakis with abstract painting, London 1983

He financed his new acquisitions by the sale of his

their families and friends, and the domination of Sociallearning about their ideas and ist Realism under Stalin, did buying their avant-garde not understand his interest and were only too happy to greatest art of this century."

Rodchenko and Stepanova, former Constructivists earlier collection of antiques. together with such artists as Alexander Rodchenko and his Some of the artists, disillu-Larionov, Goncharova, wife Varvara Stepanova, and sioned by the years of purges Malevich, Tatlin, Popova or

LORD HEYCOCK

Lord Heycock, CBE, a South two years, starting in 1973. Wales engine driver who Never a great speaker, he carned a life peerage for his was a forceful man who knew stalwart commitment to local how to get at the heart of the government and state edumatter. He was a life-long cation, died in Port Talbot on socialist, deeply committed to March 14. He was 84. children getting the best out of the education system. He had Llewellyn Heycock was a himself had to forego a

forceful and go-getting politician in South Wales. As a member of the old Glamorgan County Council for nearly 40 years and chairman of its Education Committee from 1944 to 1974, he oversaw the changeover to comprehensive education, and became chairman and leader of the newly-strongly promoted the formed West Glamorgan establishment of Welsh man and leader of the newly-County Council for its initial schools in South Wales.

scholarship because his parents were unable to support him and he was determined that this should not happen to

future generations of children. Although he was not Welshspeaking, his Welshness was unquestionable, and he

working life as an engine driver at the Dyffryn Yard loco sheds, Port Talbot, and was, from 1937, active in local government in Glamorgan. It was a great blow to him when he lost the parliamentary nomination for Aberavon in Rugby Club. 1959 to John Morris, who was later to become Secretary of State for Wales.

In 1967 he was made a life peer. He greatly enjoyed "the club" of the Upper House, in which he took an active part.

After politics his great relaxation was rugby football. He and one son.

Llewellyn Heycock was was a life-long supporter of the born near Port Talbot on Aberavon club and for many years its president. A story has it that on one occasion two serious-minded Mormons went to his bungalow and asked his wife: "Is the Lord within" to which Lady Heycock replied: "Not at the moment, he's at Aberavon

abstract painting was saved by

the passion and doggedness of

this one man.

He was admitted to the Gorsedd Bards in 1963.

Heycock was regarded as the kindest of mentors who, beneath a rather harsh exterior, was a devoted family

He leaves his widow, Olive,

JIM EDE

The enjoyment of art in a domestic setting

H. S. (Jim) Ede, who founded the remarkable Kettle's Yard Gallery over 30 years ago in a group of condemned cottages in Cambridge, died on March 15 in Edinburgh. He was 94.

Ede's dream "of creating 2 living space where works of art could be enjoyed in a domestic setting" materialised in 1956, when he returned to Cambridge after a life devoted to art.

He had made a reputation as a critic 30 years earlier with his published work on Florentine master drawings, while the appearance, in 1931, of Savage Messiah, which told the fascinating story of the love of the French sculptor Henri Gaudier, for Sophie Brzeska, attracted wide atten-

Harold Stanley Evans - to be known universally thereafter as "Jim" — was born on April 7, 1895, near Cardiff. When he was fourteen his family moved to Cambridge and he went for a time to the Leys School. He hated school but "broke bounds to search the Free Library and the Fitzwilliam Museum" and fell in love with early Italian

of the world, including at the Royal Academy in London in 1983. His daughter, Aliki, now Then came a brief apprenticeship in art at Newlyn in Cornwall before the First World War. In the runs the Costakis Art Gallery Costakis was endlessly willwar he was badly gassed and invalided out but, after recoving to explain and enthuse about the Russian avant-garde ering, he was sent back to which he believed was "the Cambridge and in 1916 was training cadets at Trinity and drilling them on the Backs. A vital aspect of the development of 20th century

He ended the war in India and then worked as photographer's boy at the National Gallery before beginning a fifteen-year stint as an assistant at the Tate (1920-1935). In 1921 he married Helen Schlapp and they had over fifty years of great happiness together, which was only

ended by her death in 1977. They befriended Ben and Winifred Nicholson in 1923 and, for Ede, a door into the world of contemporary art was opened. He also met Miró, David Jones, Chagall, and Christopher Wood in 1924, and first saw the work of Gaudier-Brzeska two years

Ede recognized the great talent of the sculptor, who had been killed on the Western Front at the age of 24. After the death of Sophie Brzeska, most of his works were bought by Ede, whose book Savage



Messiah established the artist's reputation.

During his years at the Tate the Edes bought I Elm Row, Hampstead, from Frieds, widow of D. H. Lawrence their circle of friends included T. E. Lawrence, Ezra Pound and Barbara.

From 1935, Ede and Helen lived abroad for much of the next twenty years. He built a house in Morocco, and also made regular lecture tours to the United States. In 1952 the Edes bought a Loire Valley

In 1956 he returned to Cambridge, where he found what he was looking for - four small slum cottages at Kettle's Yard at the foot of Castle Hill These he converted into a unique benefaction with pictures, sculptures, glass and china, furniture, rugs, books, pebbles, the accumulation of forty years of idiosyncratic taste and judgement.

Between two and four o'clock he opened his door to any who cared to ring the bell. Hundreds of undergraduates were enlightened by such visits. Moreover he lent them pictures from his surplus.

After ten years Ede transferred ownership lock, stock and barrel to the University and helped in the building and endowing of an extension to the house and an exhibition gallery. These were opened by the Prince of Wales in 1970. He also endowed the Brancusi Fund, now known as Kettle's Yard Travel Fund.

The Edes retired to Edinburgh, where his wife had grown up, in 1973, and his last years were spent tirelessly visiting the old and the sick:

His two daughters survive

Clifford Longley

The business of investing in faith

The Christian tradition often speaks as if the road to hell is paved with gold, worn smooth by the trudge of camels condemned for failing to make it through the eye of a needle. Yet if all the rich are damned, and their dark satanic mills all closed as the temples of false gods, nothing but grinding poverty awaits the rest of us. There must be more to God and Mammon than meets the eye - more than a

simple "either/or." As a certain Vladimir Gurevich said recently in a remarkable publication called Moscow News, one of the new glasnost generation of Soviet newspapers: "As a society we are doomed to poverty as long as wealth is recognized as the highest vice..." Perhaps it is time Western Christianity did its own peristroika.

A call for a church study of the ethics of wealth creation, similar to and with at least the same weight as the Church of England's report on inner urban areas, Faith in the City, emerged from a private seminar in London on Thursday attended by more than 30 opinion leaders in religion and industry.

It seemed likely that this is a proposition heading rapidly for the intray of the Archbishop of Canterbury, not least as the seminar's chairman, Sir Richard O'Brien, has already chaired two commissions dear to the present archbishop's career. He presided, at Dr Runcie's request, over the group which wrote Faith in the City ... and at the Prime Minister's request, over the group which selected Dr Runcie for his present post ten years

Topicality had been secured for this event by the timely outburst of Mr Peter Morgan, director of the Institute of Directors, who while not present in person had recently made the headlines with an attack on the church for treating wealth creation as mucky and squalid.

Thursday's seminar was sponsored by The Times and the Comino Foundation, and The Times published the keynote papers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The three authors - the historian and theologian Provost David Edwards of Southwark Cathedral, Lord Caldecote, Christian engineer and passionate industrialist, and Bishop John Jukes, the Roman Catholic Church's own "minister for trade and industry" - were present to defend and expand their various published positions.

Lord Caldecore was the plaintiff in the case, in that his role was to indict the churches with the neglect of wealth creation, which he had done with more balance but no less force than Mr Morgan's furious accusations. As it happened Provost Edwards and Bishop Jukes had entered early pleas of guilty before even the seminar



began, with promises of a firm purpose of amendment. It was those prospects of reform

which provided the substance of the seminar, in fact. There must be wealth creation - that could not be challenged. Christians could not shrink timidly away, nor leave it to non-Christians. If there is wealth, someone must own it, and that could not be left to non-Christians either. So what are the rules? For riches have their own temptation. Bishop Jukes is a Franciscan, by profession and vow one of the church's poorest of the poor; and as such the only man equipped to give a meaningful absolution to any consciences present which were troubled by their bank balances.

But in the choice between capital and labour, labour was the more important, being human. This also was Catholic social teaching, a presence in the seminar which saved it from the sometimes circular process of Anglican thinking in this subject. There was a good Anglican reposte to it, however: it cannot surely mean that every Ford worker's pay claim must be met in full, regardless of its impact on little old ladies keeping poverty from the door by small investments (or on the income of the Church Commissioners, it might also have

been said.) The seminar was not intended to be, and certainly did not become, an attempt to underwrite the theology of Thatcherism. It was pointed out that at least since the war, every Government of whatever persuasion had driven itself near to madness trying to make the British economy work and grow, to find the golden secret of the making of wealth not least in order to eradicate poverty. And part of the secret is that there have to be individual incentives; people are not driven hard enough to honest graft and creative industrial enterprise simply by the appeal of the common

sometimes the desire to provide better ideas left hanging, perhaps a ready-made chapter heading for the grand study of wealth-creation which Dr

Runcie will soon be thinking about. The problem is an ancient one - is it wrong to want to be richer? Even the most well-heeled among the seminarians seemed to put it no higher than the church once regarded the pleasure of sex, a necessary but regrettable concession to man's animal side in order that the world should continue to turn. These are the darker corners of the wealth creation psyche, and the key word, never once uttered on Thursday, is guilt. But it was never satisfactory that the church should have insisted on extracting the tribute of guilt as a spiritual poll tax on sexual intercourse. If wealth creation is as essential as sex to the continuation of the race, why should such economic intercourse still have to wear its

penitential robes, even in Lent? Another hanging thought was competition, another chapter heading for Dr Runcie, perhaps. Some at the seminar considered it just bad. Most had put it, with sex and wealth, in the Manichean part of themselves, nice but naughty. The capitalist's anguish was dramatically put. Economic competition meant deviousness and slyness in out-manoeuvring the opposition, as the pursuit of business self-interest unavoidably demanded that others be out-witted and even trampled on. And it was said by a highly successful industrialist, also a devout Christian.

It was equally hotly denied. It was asserted, ingeniously and persuasively, that competitiveness was the mirror image of cooperation, and involved all the same moral virtues and vices. It was indignantly claimed that competition could be done without cheating and lying and breaking all the rules. But here was a startling thought that could not be banished, once admitted - that there are at least some industrialists or businessmen in our midst, hailed by society as successes, who live with a secret dread that that have sold their own souls to gain the world (and not for themselves, even, but for the company they work for.)

It was more quietly observed that every industrial enterprise, competitive though it may have to be with its competitors, must also be a vast anthill of cooperative effort in its own affairs. To compete, it is first nec-

Some businessmen live with the dread they have sold their souls

The morality of incentives, some- essary to cooperate. Probably the times called selfish self-interest and skills of cooperation are at least as essential to industrial success as the for one's family, was one of the key skills of competition. And everyone knows cooperation is an ex-officio

Christian virtue, or something like it. Meanwhile, it was aptly pointed out, the very drug of competition had taken the world and his wife down to Cheltenham for the Gold Cup that same afternoon, to watch it at work on. the turf - were they all sinning? What was it in human nature which got such intense satisfaction from a contest. whether on horse back or between rival engineers? The possibility of absolution for this pleasure too seemed not far away, if that was what was meant by several calls for further

theological study.

But many such topics were merely touched on, and some passed over altogether. The relationship between wealth and money was of the first kind, a seminar agenda in itself. And is there still a sin called usury? The relationship between wealth creation and human freedom - an even more burning question in Moscow than in London just now - was hardly mentioned. Many a budding en-trepreneur of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe was looking to Western business and industry for models, it was said, yet fearful that in inviting back enterprise, they were inviting back injustice and conflict.

The suggestion for a Faith in THE City report was a deadly serious one. And the people gathered for the seminar were just the sort to make it happen. The seminar succeeded as no discussion of its kind has ever done before in identifying a long list of real questions, vital to real people, about the economy and social justice, about Christian faith and the Bible, about British culture and the permanent agenda of British politics, about all the "what are we here for?" questions of the 1990s.

It would have to be completely ecumenical, not least because Bishop Jukes and numerous of his coreligionists (one at least from Government circles) fully earned their share in the discourse. But it would have to be careful, for this is a stool off which the churches have slipped once too often already. Nevertheless a powerful contribution, profoundly theological (for a change), fully in touch with what business and industry are really like (for a change), and yet speaking with the lucid truth of the Gospel to the mind and conscience of industry, would be an epoch-making event. On the evidence of the seminar, none would welcome it more than British industry itself. And as for Soviet and Eastern European industry, the economic tabula rasa of the century where everything is suddenly up for grabs, who knows what wealth-creating export potential such a project

Dinners

Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar Mess

Mr Justice Fennell was the guest the Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar Mess at the Inner Temple last night to mark his appointment to the High Court Bench. Mr Peter Weitzman, QC, Leader of the Circuit, presided. Among those present were:

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Lady Fennell: the President of the
Family Division. Lord Justice Legant.
Mr Justice Wood. Mr Justice Legant.
Mr Justice Prench. Mr Justice Drate.
McCulloch. Mr Justice Walls. Mr Justice Popplewell. Mr Justice Walls. Mr Justice Popplewell. Mr Justice Simon
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Disraelians The Cambridge University Disraelian Society annual din-ner was held at the Travellers' Club last night. Mr Jonathan Bailey, Gonville and Caius College, presided. The Rev David Johnson, Selwyn College, also

spoke.

Moutgomeryshire Society Professor Emrys Jones, Chair-man of the Honourable Society. man of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Montgomeryshire Society held last night at the Bonnington Hotel, London, Mr. Edward C. Owen presided Lord Hooson, QC, Lady White and Mr. Alex Carlile, QC, MP, were amone the guest. among the guests.

Service dinners

The Queen's Regiment
Major-General M.F. Reynolds.
Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, presided at the annual
dinner of the officers' club held. last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Cheisea.

East Midlands Universities Air

Squadron Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, Air Member for Personnel, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the East Midlands Universities. Air Squadron, held last night at RAF Newton. Squadron Lender 826 Squadron Amiversary Commander Philip Shaw pro-sided over a dinner held last night at RNAS Culdrose to celebrate the 50th anniversary of 826 Naval Air Squadron.

Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal, Patron of the Scottish Rushy Union, will attend the Scottend v England match at Murrayfield at 1.50.

Princess Margaret will attend a concert given by the pupils of the Haberdashers' Aske's Schools at Hatcham and Elsines at the Festival Hall at 2.50 as part of the tercentenary celebra-tions of the Robert Asia Foundation.

TOMORROW: The Princest Royal, as President of British Academy of Films All Television Arts, will attend twenty-first Academy Protion and Performance Award Grosvenor House at 7.20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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Learn to have sense.

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manus THELLIS DOM: On March 16th 1940, John and Helen. Congrantiplices, we all love you, from your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. IORWOOD:MARBERT - On March 16th 1940, Domaid to frene, still at 16 North Parade, Southwold.

DEATHS

EARLOW - On March 15th 1990, peacefully at Haltwhistle War Memorisi Hashwhistle and cramation will take place on Thursday March 22nd at Carlesie Crematorium at 1.30 pm. No flowers please. All enquiries to Normans of Haltwhistle. (0434) 320382.

SEALE - On March 14th, suddenly but peacefully. Norman, durling husband of Elathe, devoted father of Nigel and Vanton and Bartie to grandsons. Alexander and Throthy, Funeral strictly private at his special requires. runeral strictly private at his special request.
Thanksgiving Service to be atmounced taler. No flowers please, but donations if desired to king George's Fund for Saliors. C/o Mewa Funeral Directors, 5 Bournemouth Road. Partistone, Poole. Dorset SH14 CEF, lei: (0202) 741169.

CAMERONI - On March 1-sm.
Professor Cordon Campbell
Cameron. Master of
Fitzwilliam College. Cambridge. Dearty loved husband
of Brenda and father of Niall
and Catherine. Pencetuly,
aged 52 years. A Memorial
Service will be held.

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GARLETON - On March 7th, after a vallant struggle against Leuinemia. Michael Digby, aged 60. Family funeral taken place. A Memorial Service will be held at St Mary's Church. Paddington Green. on April 26th at 7 pm. No flowers by request. Donations to The London Hospital, Leuinemia Fund. c/o 77 Haverstock HIE, Leodon, NW3 4SL.

CLAMME - On March 13th, suddenly but peacefully. Palay, mother of Louise and Christopher. Funeral Service on Tuesday March 20th at 10.30 am at St Pauris, King Inn, followed by cremation at 10.30 am at St Paul's, Kingston, followed by cremation at Mortiales, 11.30 am.
DRIMG - On March 14th, peachulty in hospital. Grace Elizabeth (Gray), beloved wife of William and Melissa. Family funeral.

Family funeral.

DUBLEY - On March 16th.
Ralph Edward Hughes,
Canon Emeritus of Salisbury
and sometime Vicar of
Edington and Coulston,
Requiem Mass at Edington
Priory Church al 3 pm on
March 23rd. Cremation
private. No flowers, but
donations if desired to
Edington Priory Church.

EDE - On March 18th 1990, at
his home in Edinburgh, Jim
Ede. Body bequetted for
medical research. Thanksgiving Service in Cambridge
to be announced later.

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FREESTONE - On Tuesday
March 13th, at home,
suddenly but peacefully.
Dorothy (Dol) Firestone, of
Lower Gravel Road,
Bromley, Belowed wife of
Philip and devoted mother of
Shells, Len and his wife
Janet, Much loved
grandmother of Samantha,
Josef and Joshus, Service
and interpent at St Luke's
Cemetery, Maggie Hall Lane,
Wednesday March 21st 2.46
pm. Family request no
flowers, donations in lieu to
Cancer Research and Heart
Foundation.

GORDSON - On March 10th, after a short filness, Grace, widow of George Common, much loved mother of Betty, a belowed grandmother and great-grandmother. Graleful thanks to Ward 12 at Milnon Keynes General Hospital for their wonderful care and attention.

GORENY - On March 14th 1990, pescefully at home, with his family. David, beloved bushand of Marguret, father of Martin, Diana and Helen, grandstather of Adam and William and friend to russly at the John Lewis Partnership. Family funeral, Memorial Service later. No flowers, donations if desired to the imperial Cancer Research Fund or Oxfam.

emreney - On March 16th in Australia, Evelyn lattelle, widow of Capt. E.F. Gregory C.B.E., R.N., in her 105th year. Proud and devoted mother, grandmother and greet-grandmother, very dearly loved by all her family and menty freething. mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. No flowers, Donations to Salisbury General infirmary Scanner Appeal. Service of Thankspiving at St. Andrew's Church, Melcombe, Bingham, on Wednesday March 21st at 2.30 pm.

MEAP - On March 13th 1990, peacefully in hospital. Elliott Marky. aged 88. A very special Yexishire genticense, truch loved father of Michael and father-in-law of MaryAnne, treasured treasured. much loved father of Michael and father-in-law of MaryAnne, treasured grandfather of Glies, imogen and Jusies. He will be snolly missed by his family and friends, especially lizzie, Pumera Service at St. John's Church, Havering-alte-Bower, on Wednasday March 21st at 10.45 am, followed by cremation, Family flowers only, donations if desired may be sent to St. Francis Hospics, Havering-atts-Bower, Bomford, Essex.

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MEWITT - On March 14th,
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Belowed husband of Path
and loved father of Mosica
and Philippa, Service and
committed at Holy Trimsy
Chisrch, Meanwood, Leeds,
on Wednesday March 21st at
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donations may be sent to
U.S.P.G. c/o Rev. O.A.
Conway, 16 Sairo Oak Road.
Headingley, Leeds, 1.56 2DE.

KIRBER - On March 12th.
Cordon Arthur (Peter), Mich
loved husband of Joan and
father of Wendy. Peter and
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finiter of Wendy. Peter and Elizabeth.

LONGARMIST - On March 15th 1990. Peter Michael. at home after a brave bettle. Dearly loved bushand of Barbie. Enther of Michael. Diana. Patricia and Victoria. and grandfather of Thomas, William. Benjamin. Sebastien. James and Caroline. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Peter's. Lodsworth. at 12 noon on Friday April 20th. No flowers, but donations may be made to the West Sussex Macmillian Service. King Edward VII Hospital, Micharst.

Biscrattle - See Nicholaco.

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Major A.R. (retired) O.B.E.,
(Tiny). penofully at his
home. Irwell Vale. Edenfield,
Bury, after a short liness.
Dearest husband of Barbara.
Worked in Berlin with
British Military Government
1945-1972 from 1960-1972
as Inspector Ceneral, Public
Safety Branch 1973 to date
as Admin. Secretary. samely branch 1975 to take as Admin, Secretary, Manchester Law Society. Cremation at Burnley Grenstorham on Wednesday March 21st at 2 pm. All enquiries to Booth and Wolstenbokne, (0706) 826661.

SENDOL.

BELLARD - On March 9th.

peacefully in her sleep, after
years of deteriorating health
cheerfully and dogodly
borne, Rosemary, of
Stourpaine, Blandford,
Donet, Lavender's sister. Dorset. Lavender's sister.

MCHOLSON - On March 14th.
Jane (née McCrum), aged 29,
wife of Philim, C/o
Geneagies, Mgarr, Gozo and
Dittisham, Devon, Funeral at
12,30 on Monday March
19th in St George's Church.
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19th in St George's Church.
Diffisham. No flowers please, but donations to Institute of Neurology, Queen's Square.
London WCIN 38G, or the N.S.P.G.C., would be very much appreciated.

OBERO! - On March 18th 1990, peacefully at his London home. Santosh Kumar, aged 57. Vice President U.K. and Europe Taj Inhernational Hotels.
Beloved husband of Nimi, father of Alok, Arjun and Radhika. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium March 19th at 12.30 pm.

PATURBON - On March 7th PATERSON - On March 7th 1990, The Reverend William Laurence, after 41 years as

dedicated parish priest.

PETETT - On March 15th
1990, peacefully at The
Winterbourne Hospital.
Olive, in her 92nd year.
Widow of Herbert Edward
Petul, much joved mother of
Beryl d'Aguillar and the late
Anthony Edward Petiti,
grandmother of Jonathan
and Penelope. Funeral
Service on March 23rd.
12:30 and 17he Weymouth
Crematorium. Quibo Lane.
Weymouth. Dorset, Family

Weymouth, Dorsel, Family flowers only please.

RICHARDSON - On March 13th, suddenly Antony Horrex, devoted husband of Kay and loving brother, uncle and great-uncle. Pameral Service at Satisbury Cremstortum on Monday March 19th at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only.

March 19th at 12.45 pm.
Family flowers only,
donations if desired for the
R.N.L.I. c/o Will Case and
Partners, 22 Churchfield
Road, Salisbury, Wils., SP2
7NH.
STARK - On March 16th
1990, peacefully at home at
Newell Hail, aged 82.
Margaret, dearly lowed Nanto Fane family for nearly
30 years and friend to all at
The Harrison Homes.
Service to be arranged. For
flowers and service
arrangements please contact
Lovegrove, 4 Town Square,
Bracknell, (0344) 421949.

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MARCH 17

ON THIS DAY

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Apart from calling skilled men who had left the shipbuilding industry years before the Second World War, to return, Ernest Bevin had some pointed things to any about factories, accustomed to employing men which so far "had not adapted their methods or their facilities to meet the needs of woman employees".

MR BEVIN'S CALL FOR LABOUR

Mr. Bruset Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, in a broadcast yesterlay, explained his new proposals to secure greater men and woman power for the national war effort. He ansounted that there would be regular-tion of men between the ages of 41 and 46 for industrial purposes, registration of woman of the ages of 20 and 21, and 2 good deal of de-reservations of men in encipations.

in the course of his speech Mr. Bevin Pirst we are reviewing the reserved occupations, involving a good deal of de-reservation, so that the duty to serve in the Porces and civil defence is spread over the community fairly. There is a very input demand for the shipbuild-ing industry that must be met immediately. We must get back now to the industry as many as possible of the shilled man who have left at during the

Pent 15 years. If you have had experience in any of is not only your obligation but your houseshir duty to respond and register at your. The Department will then place you where your services can best be used. There is also a special need in therine engineering which must be met. You wont register charing the next three

Then we have to get a very large rember of men who have not been in productive industry. We want trained then, head skilled med, and some who do not meed training but who could pick up the work way quickly in the factories. We send as many so we can

WOMEN'S HELP NEEDED Having regard to the claims of the woman employees. Managements must

get to volunteer for work or training right away. Do not wait for registration.

defence services on man-power, we must call for a great response from women to run the industrial machine. We have prepared a pamphlet (P.L.87/1941) on the proper methods to the transit of the house in the feature for the house in adopt in the factories for the handling of this woman problem and are circulating it very soon. We have had an enormous wastage of woman ishour in enormous wastage of woman ignour in many works because, owing to being in the habit of employing men, they have not in all cases adapted their methods or their facilities to meet the needs of help to stop the waste. The Department has paid special

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WELLY - Ruth Offive Inde Lnog)
born London February 15th
1943. died Pertuel.
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Marth 16th 1968. Wife of
Francis Kelly. Sive taught the
northes to burn bright
wherever sive passed.

Today

attention to welfare inside and outside the factory. We have provided for payment for the day of travelling and 24.6d will be paid for the first week as "settling-in" payment while the worker is beginning to asked when the addition is beginning to earn wages. In addition we have decided to extend that by a further 10s. for the second week. WOMEN WITH CHILDREN A large number of married women are now at work whom we want to transfer to war work. We have to think of their children, and the Ministry of Health is saking local authorities in the areas

concerned to carry out a system of registering "minders". There is a training acheme for womer and there will be a large number of

places available. A large number of women are wanted in the following serviden -W.R.N.S., A.T.S. W.A.A.F., Land Army, public health and nursing services. Women are wanted for the filling factories. That and basing apose quilities to ease pomer involves account paying to leave pomer astrong my run times increases times may rest assured that they will be cared for in the best possible way. It will reduce our difficulties if the

fullest use is made of women available locally, and in this managements can do a lot to belp themselves, particularly in regard to married women. Three interesting experiments have been made. In two cases managements introduced systems of employing women on balfday shifts of five hours: in another to work on alternate days. Any firm willing to try these experiments should cossult the employment exchanges. IN MEMORIAM -

WOOD - Lesile, of The Oxford

· readers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TIMES
"CELEBRATION OF BERTIN"
CENTERCATE

Amounce your cided's birth in the calebrated columns of The Times and all your friends, relations and loved ones will see the good news.

Due to a computer malfunction The Births Deaths and Marriages notices today should have appeared in yesterday's edition of We apologise for this error and sincerely regret any distress this may have caused to our

March 21st at 2,50 pm.

TANCOCK - On Wednesday
March 14th 1990. Jean
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late Bernard Tancock and
mother of Mark, peacehilly
at home. Puneral at 3 pm on
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TIMBERGIN - On March 14th
1990, peacefully in Leicostar
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of the late Niko. Sie
requested that her body be
given to medical research.
Donations in her memory
would be gratefully received
by "Childzine". c/o 86
Haverstock

by 'Childme', c/o 85
Haverstock Road,
Bournemouth, Dorsel,
TREVARRUS - On March 14th
1990, after a short Elmes, Str
Kentsedy O.B.E., of The Old
Rectory, Rusper, West
Sussex, aged 75. Funeral
Service for family and
friends at Rusper Church at
12 noon on Wednesday
March 21st, Detads of a
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VAN LIMBURG STIRUM COUNTESS On March 14th 1990, penceruly at Trelawney Nursing Home. Newguny. Cornwall, Karota 1,961a, aged 35 years. Fuseral Service Penmount Cymadorium. Trunt.

Funeral Service Penmount Cremstorium. Truno. Coraveal, Monday March 19th at 2.20 pm. WaltTon - On March 14th 1990, peacefully after a short limess, Physis ofe Thornton) of Airestord, formerby of Brandon. Widow of Col. W.L. Walton. 2nd of Col. W.L. Wanner, 22m Curkha's. Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday March 23rd at 2.30 pm. donations if desired to the R.N.L.L., c/o John Steel & Son., Chenil House, Wirechards

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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

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Making waves on the radio

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Peter Waymark

The first rule for a radio phone-in host is not to get emotionally involved with your customers. It is a rule broken by Jonah (female, by the way) in Talkback (Channel 4, 10.00pm), a New Zealand contribution to the 4-Play International season of single dramas. But since she has been pitched into a job at a second's notice when regular host Roger mysteriously walks out, there is every excuse. It is a big jump from operating the controls in the background to being pushed into the frontline of bores, cranks and emotional misfits who seem to make up the majority of callers. As it happens, Jonah is a tough cookie, well able to take care of herself and to answer abuse in kind. But when ex-convict Jim comes on the line, he is more difficult to dismiss.



involved on the phone (Ch4, 10.00pm) Meanwhile, we learn more about the disappearing Roger. It is a slight piece, effective within its modest limits, but inviting unfavourable comparison with the slicker Midnight Caller on BBC1. There can be few better cinema double

Jonah (Lucy Sheehan) gets emotionally

bills than Black Narcissus and A Canterbury Tale which continue the BBC2 tribute to Michael Powell (10.55pm). They reveal the director at his most daring and idiosyncratic, creating a Himalayan convent on the Pinewood backlot for Black Narcissus, and having the girls of a Kent village threatened by a gine thrower in A Canterbury Tale. Both films, in their different ways, are visually ravishing: Black Narcissus with its rich Technicolor (which won an Oscar for the cameraman Jack Cardiff) and A Canterbury Tale romantically capturing in black and white the glory of English landscape.

• Sharpeville (BBC2, 10.05pm) is a

thirtieth anniversary reminder of an event that did as much as any to raise black consciousness in South Africa. The 69 deaths that followed a peaceful demonstration against the Pass Laws turned half a century of passive resistance into an armed struggle and led to the banning, only recently rescinded, of

the African National Congress. ● Continuing his strong series on Missionaries (BBC2, 8.30pm), Julian Pettifer reaches Latin America. It is not exactly the ideal mission field. Treading the minefield of political warfare, racial hatred, greed and corruption, these messengers of Jesus are forced into taking sides and end up in some pretty unlikely ideological corners.

(SEE BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Pure Maths —
Orthogonal Bases 7.05 No Minister:
Education Vouchers?
7.30 Saturday Starts Herel with Wayne
Jackman and lan Tregorning,
beginning with Playdays. The
story is The New Playgroup, by Judy
Taylor (r) 7.55 Leurel and Hardy.
Cartoon version (r) 8.00 The New
Adventures of Mighty Mouse
8.15 Tales of the Rodent Sheriock
Holmes. Superstar turned super
sleuth Roland Rat and right-hand
man Kevin the Gerbil as Dr Watson,
come to the rescue of Molie

come to the rescue of Molie Sugden 8.35 Thundercats. Animated science fiction

Animated science fiction adventures (r)

9.00 Going Livet Sarah Greene and Phillip Schoffeld are joined by this week's Press Conference guest, the Controller of BBC1 Jonathan Powell. Television vet Nigel Taylor has some pot belied pigs and Bergerac's Jersey detective, John Nettles, joins in the fun. Plus the usual line-up of cartoons, videos and competitions

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Desmond Lynam. The line-up is
(subject to alteration): 12.20
Rugby Union: preview of this
afternoon's Calcutta Cup; 12.35
Skiang: the men's downhill from Aare,
Sweden; 12.50 Football: World
Cup latest and the goals from the FA
Cup sixth round; 1.00 News;
1.05 and 4.00 Bedminton: the
Yonex Alf England Open
championships from Wembley; 1.45
Ice Hockey: Cardiff Devils v
Murrayfield Racers in Cardiff; 2.25
Rugby Union: live coverage of the

Rugby Union: Receive and Cardin; Zec Rugby Union: Rev coverage of the game at Murrayfield between Scotland and England, the climax of the five nations championship; 3.55 Footbell half-times; 4.40

3.55 Football half-times; 4.40
Final Score
5.05 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
5.15 Regional News and sport
5.20 Stay Tooned. Tony Robinson
presents the first in a new series of
cartoon fun. Among the
characters featured are Bugs Bunny,
Tom and Jerry and Daffy Duck
5.45 The Flying Doctors: Cries from
the Heart. Hawaiian festivities at
Coopers Crossing are interrupted
when there is news of a car accident
and a seriously injured driver, but
a young girl who, it is claimed, was
travelling with him is nowhere to

a young gin who, it is cashed, was travelling with him is nowhere to be seen. Starring Liz Burch, Lenore Smith and Robert Grubb. (Ceefax)

6.30 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Jimmy Savile fixes it are a wheelchair-bound blind woman of wheelchair-bound blind woman of 65 to sing with the Cliff Adams
Singers; an eight-year-old to drive a JCB; two young girls to swirn against Adrian Moorehouse; and a 10-year-old to commentate on a motor race. (Ceefax)

7.05 Film: Flash Gordon (1980) starring Sam Jones, Melody Anderson, Max Von Sydow and Timothy Dalton.
Cosmic comic adventure brought to life in which Flash Gordon, his girlfriend Dale Arden and the brilliant scientist Dr Hans Zarkov set off in

life in which Flash Gordon, his girlfriend Dale Arden and the brilliam scientist Dr Hans Zarkov set off in a rocket to the planet Mongo, determined to bring the evil empire ruled by the merciless Emperor Ming to an end. With Brian Blessed, Omeila Muti, Peter Wyngarde and Topol. Directed by Michael Hodges. (Ceefax)

8.55 News and Sport. With Michael Buerk. Weather

9.15 Midnight Caller. Late-night radio DJ Jack Killian takes an abandoned 14-year-old living on the streets into his home, but finds that the boy's acquaintance with the ring-leader of a gang of runaway benegers leads to trouble. Starring Gary Cole, Wendy Kilbourne and Jared Rushton. (Ceefax)

0.05 Championship Boxing. IBF World flyweight champion, Belfast's Dave McAuley, defands the title he won last year from Duke McKenzie, against Louis Curtis of the United States at the King's Hall, Belfast

1.05 Rory Bremner. More satire and mirricry with Rory Bremner. John

mimicry with Rory Bremner, John Bird, Elizabeth McKechnie and

Steve Nation (r) 11.35 Film: Rider on the Rain (1969) starring Charles Bronson, Marlene Jobert and Annie Cordy. Mystery thriller, set in the South of France, about a young woman who thinks her nightmare has ended when she kills her rapist, but then finds an investigator on her doorstep asking her about a missing 60,000 dollars from US Army funds. Directed by René Clement

(*** FTV/LONDON ----)

6.00 TV-am begins with News read by Susie Grant followed by Dappledown Farm presented by Brian Cant (r) 7.00 WAC 90 introduced by Michaela Strachan 9.25 Motormouth 2 includes a visit to

Pinewood Studios and the result of the New Kids on the Block competition. Music comes from Kakko — the young Japanese singer who's recently signed a recording contract with Stock, Aitken and Waterman - and Halo James, who are launching their new video, Baby 11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage

Video slot features Transvision Vamp 12.30 The Munsters Today. The Munsters decide to turn their spooky home into bed and breakfast

accommodation
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter.
Weather 1.05 LWT News and

1.10 Find a Family. Nerys Hughes introduces seven-year-old Andrew, who is currently in care and hopes to find a family to adopt him 1.15 Saint and Greaveie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves discuss the

and Jimmy Greaves discuss the weekend's top football matches

1.45 Sportsmasters. Sporting knowledge competition

2.15 Coronation Street (r)

3.10 Matlock: The American to defend a wrestler accused of killing his concept

opponent in the ring Ratis and Dog: Striptease Bank
Robber. Hank and Rinty are faced
with the task of solving a series of
bizarre bank robberies in which the robber appears to strip completely and then disappears into thin air 4.35 Cartoon Time (r) 4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby 5.00 News and weather 5.05 LWT

News and weather
5.15 Steaf! Mark Walker introduces
another edition of the computerized game show 5.45 Baywatch: Shelter Me. When Malibu Beach is threatened by a

violent storm, emergency accommodation is arranged for residents whose homes are in danger. Meanwhile, a pair of escaped convicts take shelter in the

convicts take shelter in the
Baywatch headquarters, holding the
crew hostage. (Oracle)
6.40 Davro. Bobby Davro is back with a
new series featuring comic
impressions, music and
television's newest soap opera,
Flushing Meadows. Joining
Bobby tonight are Caroline Dennis,
Ainsley Harriott, Phil Nice and
Adam Wide
7.10 You Betl Bruce Forsyth asks Bill
Tidy, Floelia Benjamin and Graeme

Tidy, Floella Benjamin and Graeme Garden to place their bets on a variety of unusual challenges, performing forfeits if they lose 8.10 Murder, She Wrote: Trevor Hudson's Legacy, Jessica is in Montana for the publication of Trevor Hudson's posthumous novel when the book's editor, Bob Jarrett, claims that he is the book's author, only to be found dead

autrior, only to be found dead shortly afterwards

9.10 Yellowthread Street: Chinese Boxes. The officers from Yellowthread Street attempt to put a stop to the highly-profitable counterfeiting rackets operating in Hong Kong, but come up against considerable opposition. (Oracle)

10.10 News with Sue Carpenter Weather 10.25 LWT Weather 10.25 LWT Weather ther 10-25 LWT Weather

10.30 Find a Family. Continuing the campaign to find homes for children in care

in care

10.35 Aspel and Company, Michael
Aspel's guests tonight are David
Suchet, Angela Lansbury and
Julie Watters. Followed by Find a
Family Update

11.20 Tour of Duty: Pushin' Too Hard.
Tonight, Bravo company is sent out
on a mission to capture an enemy prisoner. Their efforts are put into jeopardy and their lives in danger by the over-zealous reporter who comes with them

Film: The Aliens Are Coming (1980) starring Tom Mason and Melinda Fee. Highly-intelligent beings from a dying planet attempt to prepare the way for the colonization of Earth by teking over the bodies of eminent people.

Directed by Harvey Hart. Followed by News headlines

2.05 American College Football.
Auburn versus Georgia.

4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Music,

fashion and competitions from the country's clubs. ITN Morning News with Anne Leuchars. Ends at **6.00** 5.00 ITN Morr

BBC 2

6.50 Open University 2.45 Network East. Dancer and 2.45 Network East, Dancer and choreographer Shobana Jeyasingh performs a programme combining modern rhythms with classical dance (r)
3.20 Film: The Men (1950, b/w) starring Marlon Brando and Teresa Wright.

Wounded in battle, a young soldier returns home paralyzed from the waist down and finds he is unable to come to terms with how he will have to spend the rest of his life. Directed by Fred Zinnemann

4.45 The Sky at Night (r)
5.05 Badminton: The All England
Championships. Raiph Dellor
introduces the climax of the Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships from Wembley

Arena
6.05 Rhythras of the World. The first of two films profiling Cuba's most popular band, Los Van Van, whose success is partly attributed to its mixture of traditional Cuban dance music and the up-to-date American synthesizer and computer pop sounds 7,00 NewsView with Moira Stuart and

Lynette Lithgow, Weather
7.45 St Patrick's Day Gala. To
celebrate St Patrick's Day, Yan
Pascal Torteller conducts the Pascal totteler conducts the
Ulster Orchestra in this live gala
concert from the Ulster Hall,
Belfast, which includes soprano
Heather Harper making her
tarewell appearance with Richard
Strauss's Four Last Songs.
Introduced by Michael Berkeley.
8.30 Missionaries: Taking Sides (see

Choice)

9.20 Setunday Night Clive. In the last in the present series, Clive James is joined by Jay Leno, comedian and host of America's Tanight show.

10.05 Sharpeville (see Choice)

10.55 Film: Black Narcissus (1947) starring Deborah Kerr, Sabu and David Farrar, An adaptation of Payer Partar. An acaptation of Furner Godden's novel about a group of Anglo-Catholic nuns fiving in an isolated Himalayan convent, who find their peaceful existence is disturbed by the arrival of the local English agent. Directed by Michael Powell and Emeric

Pressburger (see Choice)
12.30am Film: A Canterbury Tale lam Film: A Canterbury Tate
(1944, b/w) starring Eric Portman,
John Sweet and Sheila Sim.
When three war-time pilgrims on their
way to Canterbury cross paths in
a peaceful Kent village, they learn
that the women are afraid to go
out at night for fear of a mysterious
"glue man", and decide to
investigate. Directed by Michael
Powell and Emeric Pressburger
(see Choice). Ends at 2.35

BBC1 WALES: 8.18 pm-8.05 Wales on
Sunday SCOTLAND: 4.40 pm-8.05
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and Sport 8.15 Scottish Comedy Classics 10.08
Sportscene 11.35 Roy Branner 12.05 pm Film:
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and Sport 10.09-11.09 The Show
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Ten 4.05 Hotsoon Confidential 4.38-8.00 Invisible Man.
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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Durrell in Russia (r) 6.30 Just for Fun 7.00 Once Upon a Time...Life 7.30 International Times — World News 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing And Swing with the stars of the 1930s and

1940s 9.30 Same Difference examines media stereotyping of the disabled (r) 10.00 Travelog (r)
10.30 Film: The Magic Bow (1946. b/w) starring Stewart Granger and Phytlis Calvert. Romanticized biopic about Microlo Beassini the

about Niccolo Paganini, the celebrated Italian violinist. Directed by Bernard Knowles 12.30 Petra, A Kingdom in the Desert. In 400 BC Petra was sculpted from

desert rock and lay undiscovered until 1812- Martin Jarvis looks at this mysterious site (r)
2.00 Samba To Slow Foxtrot.

Documentary on competitive ballroom dancing (r)
2.55 You Can't Take it with You. The 1984 Broadway production of the award-winning comedy centring

on the life of a carefree New York family. Starring Jason Roberds.
Elizabeth Wilson and George Rose
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Oracle) 6.00 Right To Reply
6.30 Scottish Eye investigates the
British National Party's activities in

7.00 The World This Week includes a preview of Sunday's elections in East Germany; reports on El Salvador's death squads, Israel and

Salvador's death squads, Israel and Iraq Followed by Weather Adventures: A Different Frontier. Abseiling, shooting rapids and trekking across losiand's glaciers were some of the activities included in an expedition led by Mick Coyne comprising of a group of 18 disabled and able-bodied people (r. (Crate)

(r). (Oracle)

9.00 thirtysomething. American
comedy drama series. (Oracle)

10.00 4 Play International: Taikback (see Choice)

10.55 On the Other Hand. A new chat show series presented by Bombay film star Shekhar Kapur

11.55 The Whole World in His Hands.

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Archive film and personal
recollections of Pope John Paul
It's visit to Ireland 10 years ago
Samn A Leipzig Chorale. The
Leipzig Radio Orchestra, conducted
by Horst Neumann, perform a
piece by composer Günter Neubert
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piece by composer Guiner Neuze 1.05 The Mysteries of Edgar Wellace: On the Run (1962, b/w). Mild mannered Frank Stewart escapes from prison, despite having only a month of his sentence left. Directed by Robert Tronson, Ends at 2.10

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Film: Pollyanna 2.00 Flash Gordon 2.25 Film:
Johnstown Monster 3.25 Wind in the Willows 4.05 Film:
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Island 8.00 Candid Camera 8.30 Shades of Hed 9.00
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News, Close.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.40am Airenam La Le
Padrejo 11.25 St Petrick's Day
Parade 1.24pm Sports Stadium 8.00 Perfect Strangers
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Love Boat 6.00 Film: Nashville Grab
6.00 Family Honour 10.00 WWF
Superstars of Wrestling '89 11.00 Sky
News 11.30 The Untouchables

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00mm Sky News 5.30 Beyond 2000
6.30 The Unesco Report 7.30 Frank Bough
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Reporters 10.30 Motor Sports News 11.30
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SKY MOVIES

From 8.00mm The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Escape to Victory (1981): A
group of POWs form a football team, both a
a means to escape and to humiliate the
German national team
4.00 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of
the Spruce Goose: Animated adventure
6.00 The Wizard of Speed and Time
(1988): Director Milke Littlov, as himself, who
touts his skills as a special-effects artist
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Promised Land (1987): Kiefer
Sutherland as a misfit who marries on a Sutherland as a misfit who marries on a whim and heads home to rejoin his triends and family. With Meg Ryan 9.40 UK Top 10: The country's most popular cinema films popular cinema hims

10.00 Deadly Intentions — Part Two
(1985): Concluding the story about a
psychotic doctor (Michael Biehn) plottling
his wife's murder
11.45 9% Weeks (1985): A tale of t1.45 9% weeks (1965): A tare or dangerous obsession, with Mickey Rou and Kim Basinger 1.45am The Color of Money (1986): Sequel to The Hustler. Starring Paul Newman and Tom Cruise 4.00 Hope and Glory (1987): John Boomer's autobiographical look health

EUROSPORT

at 5.50mm

Booman's autobiographical look back as in England during the Second World Wars With Sarah Miles and David Hayman. Ende

6.00am Barrier Reef 6.30 The Flying
Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Trans World Sport 10.00 Ford Ski Report 11.00
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Skiing 2.30 Rugby Union 4.00 Surfer
Magazine 4.30 Trax 5.00 Wheels 6.00
World Cup Cycling 7.00 Boxing:
Saturday Night Fights 8.30 Nordic Skiing
9.30 World Cup Alpine: Men's Downhill
10.30 Rugby Union — Five Nations
Championship: England v Scotland
12.00 WWF Prime Time Wrestling

6.30am Non-Stop Pure Pop 9.30 US 5.30am Non-Stop Pure Pop 9.30 US
Top 20 Countdown 11.00 Yo! 11.30 Week
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Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30ams ice Speedway 1.30 US PGA Golf 3.30 American Basketball 5.00 Spanish Football 7.00 ice Speedway 8.00 US Pro Ski Tour 8.30 Spain Spain Sport 8.45 Pro Bowlers 10.00 College Basketball 11.30 Argentinian Football 12.30pm US PGA Golf 2.30 College Basketball 4.00 (ce Hockey 6.00 US Pro Ski Tour **6.30** Po remetal strong 7.30 Iron Man Triathlon 9.00 US PGA Golf 11.00 US Professional Boxing

LIFESTYLE

12.00 Jason of Star Command
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Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever &
The Colonel 2.00 Championship Roded
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The matter of the heart

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• The nation will be holding its breath just before seven o'clock tonight. Will Edward Heath, who has not ducked any of her other questions in Myself When Young (Radio 2, 6.30pm), disclose to Claire Rayner the name of the girl he fell in love with when pierced by Cupid's arrow for the first time? My lips are sealed, but on the face of it, naming names seems such a short step away from the revelation that. as a lad, Heath sat in the box at the Opera Comique in Paris and found his attention being constantly distracted by the lady in the box beneath whose She was, he recalls tonight, an on the world stage.



Childhood memories: Edward Heath as a boy (R2, 6.30pm)

listened, like one transfixed, to Winston Churchill giving a dress kept slipping down ev- St George's Day address ery time she leaned forward. about Britain's political role off-stage rival to the Carmen • Ear drums and talking on stage. This particular boy- drums. Both are grist to Toyah

hood memory contains no Willcox's mill in The Science hint of the the political Heath of Sound, starting a six week who was waiting in the wings. run in Options (Radio 4, FM, For that, you must wait for the 4.30pm), and graphically illusconversation to get around to trating how far radio reception Heath's early heroes, and the has travelled since the far-off story of how he donned his days of Master Edward Heath radio headphones in 1933 and and his headphones.

WORD-WATCHING

Auswers from page 16 ACCINGE (b) To gird up one's loins, as they do in the Bible, to roll one's skeeves, as we ould be more likely to say today, hence to apply one-self to anything, from the Latin accingere to gird, reflexively to undertake:
"Aeschylus never accinged
himself to write tragedies
unless he were first defied with wine." NASARD (c) An organ mutation-stop,

an open, metal stop, it sounds an octave and a fifth

above the normal, i.e. the interval of a twelfth. Length **ERUCIFORM** (b) Resembling a caterpil-lar, from the Latin eruca a pillar: "Eruciform they rise./As bright aurelias in the summer's shine." FISSELIG (a) Flustered to the point of mpetence, from the German word, fitselig, rhymes with "thistle fish", in Eag-lish jittery, in Yiddish farhlonged: "Mother

she dropped the tray.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from
5.30am until 12.30pm, then at
2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30 and
9.30pm
5.00am Gary King 7.00 The
Remo and Liz Breakfast Show

Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The Classic Albums: Crosby, Stills and Nash 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 Soul Train 9.30 in Concert: Tanita Tikaram, recorded at the National Club, Kilburn, London; and The Black Sorrows, recorded at London's Mean Fiddler 10.30 The Mary Whitehouse Experience 11.00-2.00am The Saturday Rock Show

FM Stereo 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00
Graham Knight 8.05 David Jacobs
9.00 Sounds of the States
10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00
Gerald Harper 1.30pm-6.00
Sport on 2 (MW only) 1.30 Pull The
Other One! 2.00 Robin Ray on
Record 3.00 Katle Boyle 5.00
Buddy Greco in Concert 6.00
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Cinema 2 6.30 Myself When
Young: Edward Heath, MP (see
Choice) 7.00 The ABC Quiz 7.30
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String Sound 10.05-11.00 Big
Fight Special (MW orly) 10.05
Martin Keiher 12.05am Night Owls
1.00 Nightride 3.00-4.00 Å
Little Night Music

RADIO 2

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am German Features 5.35 News in
German; Headines in English and French
5.50 Financial News 5.55 Weather and
Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres
Matin 7.00 News 7.99 24 Hours 7.30 From
the Weaklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News
8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 A Jolly Good
Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British
Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial
News; 5.90rts Roundup 9.45 World Brief
10.30 Here's Poorts Roundup 9.45 World Brief
News 1.1.09 News 1.00 News 1.0



Tanita Tikaram: recorded at the National Club, Kilburn. London, one of the acts in tonight's In Concert (R1, 9.30pm)

RADIO 3

6.55am News and Weather
7.00 Morning Concert:
C.P.E. Bach (Symphony No
2 in E flat, Wg 188: ECO
under Raymond Leppard);
Albinoni (Concerto in D, Op
9 No 2: I Musici); Gluck
(Divinités du Styx "Alceste":
ECO under Raymond
Leppard)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Brahms (Academic Festi
Overture: RPO under Thomas Beacham); Beethoven (Romance in G, Op 40: LPO under Daniel Barenboim); Bizet (Roma: CBSO under Frémaux)

CBSO unous Productions
30 News
35 Tchalkovsky and Prokoflev:
BBC Welsh SO under
Tadaelid Otalas performs
Tchalkovsky (Serenade for
strings, Op 48); Prokoflev
(Plano Concerto No 4 in B
flat, Op 53)
\$.40 Saturday Review with
Richard Osborne. Record Review: This week's programme is devoted entirely to new releases. Piano music by Liszt and

Chopin is reviewed by D. Fanning; Haydin's opera L'Infedelta delusa is reviewed by Nicholas Kenyon; and Stephen Johnson on new discs of 20th-century British music. 10.50 Record Release: Chopin (Barcarolle, Op 60: Mikhali Pletnev, piano); Liszt Marcian Pletiniv, prantif, List
(Piano Concerto No 2 in A:
Budapest Festival Orchestra
under Fischer); Robert
Saxton (Chamber
Symphony, The Circles of
Light London Simonletta
under Given Keysteach under Oliver Knussen); Elizabeth Maconchy (Quartet No 3: Hanson String Quartet): Rubbra (Four Medieval Latin Lyrics, Op 32: City of London

Sintonia under Schönzeler)
12.12pm The Record **Nadiand of Decca's** Haydn (Symphony No 21: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood) 1.05 Words: Part 2: Scripture.

Theologian Don Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel Coffege, Cambridge, with reflections on language 1.10 Early Music Network: The Gabrieli Consort and Players under Paul McCreesh perform wo McCreesh perform works which explore the musical life of Rome under the Barberini Pope Urban VIII, culminating in a performance of Carissimi's oratorio, Jephte

2.30 From the Proms 1989: Scandinavian Season. Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi, with Roland Pontinen, piano, performs Sibelius (Lemminkäinen and the Maidens of the Island; The

Swan of Tuonela "Lemminkäinen Legends, Op 22"); Grieg (Plano Concerto in A minor); Auricare III A minor);
Nielsen (Symphony No 5),
incl 3.30 Interval Reading
4.20 Debut: Fiona Cross, clarinet,
Kathryn Lenehan, piano,
perform Arthur Benjamin (Le
Tombeau de Flavet);
Schumann (Fantasiestlicke,
Op 73); Françaix (Tema con
variazioni)

op rangement (1 ama con variazioni)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Pater Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: Anthony Thwalte, in the chair, Sheridan Morley, Marina Warner and John Wilders discuss Nina Bawden's Critics of Deceiron BBCC: Circles of Deceit on BBC2: Edward Zwock's film Glory; Whisper of the Muse: The World of Julia Margaret Cameron at the Colnaghi Gallery, London; Terry Eagleton's Saint Oscar at the Hampstead Theatre. London; and Great Plains by lan Frazier

5.35 Paul Crossley: The planist performs Berg (Sonata, Op 1); Tippett (Sonata No 4) (r)

7.30 RLPO 150th Anniversary; Live from the Philharmonic Circles of Deceit on BBC2:

Live from the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, The RLPO under Libor Peselc, Liverpool Philharmonic Choir under lan Tracey perform Elgar (Fantare and National Arithem); Dvořák National Anthem); Dvořák (Te Deum) 7.55 Anthony Eurton examines the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Society on its 150th amiversary 8.15 Beethoven (Symphony No 9

"Choral") 9.35 On the Bone: Edna O'Brien reads her first published poetry 9.50 Joaquin Achucarro: The pianist performs Bach, arr Busoni (Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C); Brahms (Three Intermezzi, Op 117); Chopin (Sonata in B minor,

Op 58) (r) 11.00 Danish Radio Big Band: Scandinavian Season. Excerpts from a concert, performed at the Aston Hall, performed at the Astor Hall, Lancaster, in which the band played compositions by several of their former musical directors, as well as Duke Etlington and Jerome Kern, introduced by John Surman 12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 The Farming Week: Vet John Walton talks about stopping the loss of the rare pig breeds; and the economics of the organic economics of the organic tood shop 6.50 Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, with Peter Hobday and Chris Lowe, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.55 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan 9.30 Breakeway: Holiday and

9.36 Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and
travel news with Bernard
Falk and Nigel Coombs
10.00 News: Loose Ends: Ned
Sherrin, with live studio
guests, and contributions
from Richard Jobson, Arthur
Smith and Emma Freud (s)
11.00 News: The Week in
Westminster with Peter

Westminster with Peter Jenkins of 7he Independ 11.30 Europhile: Weekly magazine reflecting political life in Europe. This week, a discussion on the democratic elections in East Germany; and journalist Janos Bethlen on what it

means to be Hungarian
12.00 Money Box with Louise
Bottling and Vincent 12.25pm Just A Minute! (new Series): The non-stop talking quiz chaired by Nicholas Parsons. With Clement Freud, Peter Jones, Peter Menton and Dente Misses Merton and Derek Nimmo (s) 12.55 Weather

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Bromley, Kent, with panellists Sebastian Coe, athlete and prospective Conservative MP; journalist Ann Leslie; Andrew Puddephat, general secretary of Liberty; and Joan Lestor MP. Opposition spokeswoman for children

News; Any Answers? 01-580 4411. Jonathan Dimbleby takes isteners' calls on issues raised in Any

2.30 Caving in: Play by Ayshe Raif. With Diane Buil as Maggie, a woman who leads a double life visiting her husband in prison and keeping her lover a secret. However, above all else, so is desperate for a baby 4.00 Age to Age: Barry Cuniffe is joined by industrial archaeologist Mike Stone on a journey into some of the historical secrets of London's underground

system
4.30 Science Now with Peter 5.00 Turbulent Priests (new series): The Rev Dr Edward: Norman talks to four controversial clerics about

controversial clerics about the principles and beliefs which monvate them. Part 1: Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Cape Town (r)

5.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news. With Bill Wallis, David Tute, Sally Grace and Royce Mills (r) 5.50-5.55 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weether News; Sports Round-Up 6.25 Citizens omnibus edition (s) 7.10 Stop The Week (s) 7.45 Saturdsy-Night Theatre: O'Rourke's First Case, by Vincent Machierney, When John O'Rourke is made O'Rourke's First Case, by Vincent MacInerney, When John O'Rourke is made redundant at 40, he applies to the Enterprise Allowance Board in Liverpool for a grant to set up in business as a private detective, A world of drug dealing and shoot-outs quickly follows. With James Eliks and Maureen O'Brien (s)

Maureen O'Brien (a)
9.15 Music in Mind: Brian Kay
with a selection of melocies
(s) (S)
9.50 Ten To Ten led by Cenor Colin Semper (s) 9.59
Weather
10.00 News

10.15 Open Mind: Hugo Young challenges three experts to discuss a topic with open 10.45 Telling Lies: The third of four programmes about deceit and the detection of

11.00 Richard Baker Compares
Notes with Arthur Searle, the
Curator of Music
Manuscripts at the British

Manuscripts at the British
Library (s) (r)

11.30 Saturday-Night Fry;
Comedy with Stephen Fry,
Hugh Laurie, Jim Broadbert
and Errins Thompson (s) (r)

12.00 News, inc 12.30 Weether
12.33 Shipping Forecast.
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1.55-2.00pm Programme Netts
4.30-6.00 Options: 4.30 The
Science of Sound (new series) (and
Choice) 5.00 Using Your
Wordpower 5.30 Deutsch
Express!

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SUNDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

A walk on the wild side

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Peter Waymark

o in The Loreiei (BBC2, 10.10pm), Amanda Redman plays an attractive but unattached school teacher who goes off alone on a walking holiday in Wales and soon wishes she hadn't. The caterpillar on her camera lens, the creepy crawlies in the bath and the frosty reception at the local pub are only the prelude to a frightening encounter at the Lordei guest house. The mystery thickens with the arrival of a new teacher (Michael Maloney) at her school. Nick Dunning's first script for television cleverly sustains the interest on the thriller level while using a school production of The Insect Play for symbolic reinforcement of an exploration of loneliness, longing and the power of the imagination. The piece is crisply directed by Terry Johnson, who wrote Nicolas Roeg's film Insignificance.

Pick of the rest: Heart of the Matter (DDC) in the case is a second of the piece of the Matter (DDC). (BBC1, 10.10pm) has an interview with Nelson Mandels... The Land of the Eagle (BBC2, 7.15pm) reaches the explorations of Lewis and Clark ... and Airline (BBC2, 8.35pm) covers a hectic day in the life of British Airways.



Second thoughts: Amanda Redman's backpacking teacher (BBC2, 10.10pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

• The Story of Denny James (Radio 3. 5.40pm) takes us unfamiliarly over familiar ground. I believe I know what Christian Stentoft, the Danish director. is getting at, but I wouldn't stake big money on it because this is yet another variation on the theme of illusion becoming reality and, like those Russian dolls inside each other, we never know for sure what we are supposed to make of them. The basic situation, as presented, is that a reporter is interviewing a man who might - or might not - be a prizefighter and an ex-Vietnam veteran. Plotwise, the assumption is that he exists. The possibility that, for the listener, he does not exist, and the importance, for the reporter, that he does, presents Stentost with some challenging technical problems.

BBC 1

7.10 Open University
8.55 Playdays (r)
9.15 Morning Worship from Sussex
University's campus chapel. The Ray
Dr Colin Morris continues his

examination of God's nature

10.00 Bazaar. Household, beauty and
fashion hints from Janice Long (r)
10.25 Buonglome Italia! (r)
10.50 Mosaic. Is Britain's

10.50 Mosaic. Is Britain's immigration system loaded against black people? (r)
11.20 You in Mind. Series suggesting ways of improving mental health (r)
11.30 Step Up to Wortpower.
Chris Serie offers reading and writing help for adults. His guest is Michael Palin. (Ceefax) 11.35 You Are What You Eat. Liza Goddard's oulde to healthy eating (r). Goddard's guide to healthy eating (r). (Ceefax) 12.05 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing

impaired

12.30 Country File. Rupert Segar asks if
the burden of the Uniform Business
Rate could mean the end of many small rural businesses 12.55

1.00 News followed by On the Record: Labour and Liberty. Jonathan Dimbleby asks Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, about his party's commitment to the rights of citizens 2.00 EastEnders (r).

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(Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Clash of the Titans (1981).
Laurence Olivier and Claire Bloom star in this fantasy adventure set in Ancient Greece, with special effects by Ray Harryhausen.
-Directed by Desmond Davis.
(Ceefax)

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(Ceetax)

4.50 Ton and Jerry. Cartoon

5.00 The Clothes Show includes a report on maternity wear, with Caryon Franklin questioning the worth of buying a brand new wardrobe for only a few months' use; and Selina Scott enquiring about men's attitudes to their appearance

5.30 Antiques Roedshow from the Corn Exchange, Brighton. The last in the series presented by Hugh Scutty. (Ceefax)

6.15 Quit and Win. A chance to find out whether Anne Robinson has succumbed to temptation since

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succumbed to temptation since giving up smoking four days ago
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from the Second Comber Presbyterian Church in County Down. (Ceefax)
7.15 Don't Wait Up. Comedy series starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son doctors men practising at opposite says or

men practising at opposite ends of the medical spectrum. (Ceefax) 7.45 Bergerac: Diplomatic Incident. Jim's holiday is cut short when he is called back to guard an international VIP. But he becomes increasingly annoyed at the man's reluctance to keep a low profile. Starring John Nettles and Julian Glover. (Ceefax)

8.40 Mastermind. This week's specialist subjects are the geography of Australia; the German occupation of the Channel Islands; the science fiction of Brian Aldiss; and the life and works of Ravel. Presented by Magnus Magnusson from the Great Hall,

Winchester
9.10 That's Life! Consumer affairs series
9.55 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather 10.10 Heart of the Matter. Nelson Mandela talks to Joan Bakewell

about the personal and spiritual journey that helped him cope with imprisonment, and discusses the future of South Africa and its people 10.45 Dear John: USA. Comedy series 11.10 Someone Like Me. New series to be the series at work and unamployment. looking at work and unemployment. In this first programme, widowar Martyn Hughes explains why he has Spent such a 1000 social security 11.35 Network East (r)

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\$.00 TV-wm begins with Good Morning Moments introduced by Ufrica
Jonsson 7.00 Dappledown Farm
presented by Brian Cant
8.00 David Frost on Sunday. The
guests include Bryan Gould and,
reviewing the newspapers,
Donald Trelford and Harriet Harman.
The programme also records The programme also reports from East Bedin on the elections

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9.25 Disney's An Officer and a Duck.
A complation of Disney cartoons made between 1942 and 1946

10.15 The Campbells. Dr James
Campbell and Captain Sims enter into an eneasy partnership with Charlotte Logan, the niece of the original owner of Logan's Inn

10.45 Link. This week, Kevin Muham talks to representatives of the People First organization about their views on the sterilization of mentally disabled people

11.00 Montaing Worship from the Charch of the Blessed Secrament, Chelmsford, Essex

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Cheknsford, Essex

12.00 Escounter. Christian writer and
entertainer Adrian Plass describes
his struggle to come to terms with
the idea of a loving God

12.30 My Listle Posy. Arimoted series
12.40 Police 5 12.55 LWT News
and weather

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12.40 Police 5 12.56 LWT Nears and weather
1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
1.10 Evenitness includes reports from Mrs Thatcher's Finchley constituency and on the East German elections
2.00 Find a Family. Four-year-old Samantha comes from the south of England and is both physically and mentally handicapped. She was fitned at her special school, asking for a permanent family
2.05 McCloud: Starkel, part two.
Continuing this adventure with Marshal Sam McCloud on the trail of a ruthless loom shark suspected of murdering an Indian girl. Starring Deonis Weaver (r)
3.05 Cartoor Time
3.25 The Match. Manchester United v
Liverpool. Brian Moore is the commentator at Old Trafford
5.35 Rescue: Avalanche. Disaster strikes in the Scottish Highlands and Rescue 137 is scrambled, along with the other mountain rescue

with the other mountain rescue services, in a bid to locate those

busied by an avalanche 6.05 International Athletics: The Kodak Classic, Great Britain v US v USSR five from Cosford 7.05 News and weather 7.10 LWT
News and weather
7.15 The Two of Us. Ashley and Elaine

decide that it is time to start discussing such questions as whether they can afford to buy a house and when they are going to have children. Starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley. 7.45 The 21st British Academy

Awards. The Princess Royal, president of BAFTA, is the guest of honour and Michael Aspel is the host at Grosvenor House. London. Continues after the news 9.45 News with Sue Carpenter.

10.05 The 21st British Academy Awards continued 11.00 Find a Family. An update from the

2.00 appeal international Athletics: The Kodak Classic, Great Britain v US v USSR from Costord 12.95am Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race. Gareth Evans with the latest news. Followed by Find a
Family Update

12.35 Golf: The Players Championship
from Ponte Vedra, Fiorida, Followed

by News headlines 2.35 The ITV Chart Show (r)

3.35 Pick of the Week. The best of the week's regional television presented by Bryce Curdy, Followed by 4.05 Nascar. American stock car racing, featuring the AC Dello 500 5.00 ITN Moraing News. Ends at 6.00

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12.00 Westminster Week. (Ceefax)
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12.35 Around Westminster
1,00 Open Advice. Using the Library
1.25 Weekend Outlook (r)
1.30 40 Minutes: Me and My Bite (r).

1.30 49 Minotes: Nee and My bace (F).
(Castex)
2.10 Castesity Matchpley Golf. The championship course at Walton Heath is tackled by Nick Faldo, lan Woosnam, Sandy Lyle and Scott

Ashkenazy — Back in the USSR.
Viadimir Ashkenazy and the Royal
Philharmonic Orchestra are joined
in Moscow by pianist Andrei Gavrilov

4.50 X-S. Arts magazine 5.10 Rugby Special. Highlights of yesterday's Scotland v England

Game
6.10 it's Garry Standling's Show. The guest is Zsa Zsa Gabor
6.35 The Money Programme. Robin
Aliken examines the options open to
John Major in Tuesday's budget
7.15 Land of the Engle. Part four of the study of North America's natural history since the first settlers. The film is shot in unspoilt territory, giving a vivid idea of how the newcomers would have found it. ewcomers would have found it.

(Ceefax)

8.05 The Ballot in Berlin. A Newsnight
Special on the East German election
Results, analysis and comment
presented by Donald MacCormick.
8.35 Airline: Mission To Sell. The third
in the series on British Airways and

in the series on process.
its rivals

3.25 The Talk Show with Clive James.
Guests include novelist Fay Weldon

10.10 Screen Two: The Lorelel.
(Ceefax) (see Choice)

11.25 The Ballot in Berlin. Update on the East German election.

11.55 Repido (r)

12.25 am Snub TV (r). Ends at 1.00

CHANNEL 4

8.00 Helielujahl (r) 8.30 Country
Ways. Rye (r) 7.00 Growing Places
with Penelope Keith (r) 7.30 Box
Office Weekly 8.00 The Bluffers
8.30 Children's Island 9.00 Dennis
9.25 Spice. The guests is actor Art
Maik

Malik
10.00 A Week in Politics
11.00 Boomi (r) 11.30 The Henderson
Kids 12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land
of the Giants
2.00 Film: Loadon Belongs to Me
(1948, b/w) starring Richard
Attenborough as a young
mechanic convicted of murder
whose fellow lodgers, sure of his

whose fellow lodgers, sure of his innocence, support him with petitions and a march to Westminster.

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Directed by Sidney Gilliat

4.05 Blake. Intropid Canadian, Blake
James swaps city pressures for adventures in the outback

4.25 Southwest. American-style management at Hewlett Packard's computer plant in Bristol

5.25 News summary and weather

5.30 Art of the Western World. The links between politics and art during the inter-war years

6.00 4th Dimension

6.30 The Wonder Years

7.00 Fragile Earth: Balkal — Blue Eye of Siberia. Part two (Oracle)

8.00 Sinfonietts il profiles German composer Hans Werner Henze

9.00 Sinfonietta II profiles German composer Hans Werner Henze
90.00 Film: Willie & Phil (1980) starring Ray Sharkey, Michael Ontitean and Mergot Kidder. Satirical comedy tracing the breaking-up of long-standing menage a trois. Directed by Paul Mazursky
12.15am Film: A Suspended Life (1987) starring Hele Bassam and Jacques Weber as two friends living inside the Beirut war zone. Directed by Jocelyne Saab, Ends at 1.50

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BBC1 WALES: 10.50mm The Flying Doctors
11.36 Time For Sport 12.30mm-1.00
Farming in Wales 12.18mm-12.20 News and
weather NorTHEDM 1992, 1480 2.00pm
Professional Boding 3.26 The Royal Irish Rangers
4.30-3.00 Ulster in Foots: Armagn 10.10 Sessions
From the Seventies 11.10 Neart of the Matter
11.45 Dear John 12.10mm Someone Lim Me 12.40
Close

BBC2 WALES: 12.35 per-1.00 See Hear!
SCOTLAND: 12.00-1.00 pen News Ge
NORTHERN INSLAND: 12.35 per-1.00 A Taste

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Whithread Round the World Race 2.55-3.25 The Spectandar World of Guinness Records 12.05am Prisoner: Cell Block H. 1.00 First Kaleidoscope 3.00

Transmission 4.00 Ski Top 4.30-5.00 Pick of the Week BORDER As London except 12.20pm-1.00

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Heaven 2-35 Porty's Duck Hunt 2-56-3-55 Beyond the
Gates of Time 12-056-90 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1-05

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Factor 12.05 pm One to One 12.36 Invisible Man 1.05
The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 1.35
Mysteries of the Polar Seas 3.20 Cover Story 4.00 Pick
of the Week 4.30-6.00 Coast to Coest People
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SKY ONE

6.00am Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm That's Incredible 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 89 3.00 Incredible Hulk 4.00 Emergency 5.00 Eight is Enough 6.00 Family Ties 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 7th Avenue 10.00 Entertainment This Week 11.00 Sky News 11.30 The Big Valley

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am Sky News 5.30 The Best of
Target 6.30 The Unesco Report: Hairi 7.30
Our World 8.30 Those Were The Days
9.30 Planet Earth 10.30 Unesco Report
11.30 Beyond 2000 12.30am 48 Hours
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Days 2.30 48 Hours 3.30 Entertainment
This Week 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES

From 8.00am The Shopping Channel
2.00pm The Dirt Bike Kid (1986): A kid
takes on a gang of bikers lead by an
unscrupulous businessman
4.00 Home Front (1987): A teenager
returns from boarding school and attempts
to theart his parents' political ambitions
6.00 Wizards of the Lost Kingdom:
Fantasy adventure about a wizard's son who
embarks on a quest for a magic ring
which will free the kingdom
7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
8.00 Broadcast News (1987): Romantic
comedy which goes behind the scenes of
American television news. With Holly
Hunter, William Hurt and Albert Brooks
19.15 The Color Purple (1985): Whoopl
Goldberg in Stephen Spelberg's tale of
hardship and cruelty in the deep South
12.45am Maximum Overdrive (1988):
Electrical appliances and vehicles take on
lives of their own and attack their human
owners. With Emilio Estevez
2.25 The Fly (1986): Jeff Goldblum as a
scientist whose experiment goes painfully
wrong
4.00 Treach and Go (1987): An ice

wrong
4.00 Touch and Go (1987): An ice
hockey champion (Michael Keaton) is
mugged and finds himself involved in his
attacker's life. Ends at 5.40am

EUROSPORT

6.00am The Hour of Power 7.00 Fun Factory 9.00 Nordic Skiling 10.00 Cycling 11.00 Basketball 1.00pm Ski Jumping 3.30 Trax 4.00 Handbalt Capital Tournament 5.00 Skiing: Men's Parallel Slalom 6.00 Horse Show 7.00 Football 9.00 Trans World Sport 10.00 Handball 11.00 Ski Jumping 12.00 Skiing

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6.00ans Ray Cokes 10.30 The Big Picture 11.00 European Top 20 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Paul King 5.00 MTV's Greatest Hits 6.00 XPO 6.30 Kristiane Backer 9.00 MTV Spotlight: New Order Special 9.30 New Visions: World Beat 10.00 Week in Rock 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

12.30am Argentinian Football 1.30 Pro Bowlers 2.45 Spanish Football 4.45 US Pro Ski Tour 5.15 Ice Speedway 6.15 Sport en France 7.00 Powersports 8.00 US Pro Ski Tour 8.30 Basketball 10.00 Ice Hockey 12.00 Spanish Football 1.45pm Rugby League 3.30 Basketball 5.00 Argentinian Football 6.00 Golf 7.00 Golf 11.00 Basketball 12.30am US Pro Ski 11.00 Basketbali 12.30em US Pro Ski

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

FIN Stareo and MW News on the half-hour from 5.30em until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.20, 8.30pm 5.00cm Gay King 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30cm Pick of the Pops: Alan 17.38pan Pick of the Pops: Alan Freeman with the week's Top 20 charts from 1987, 1972 and 1989 3.00 Scruples II presented by Sanon Mayo 3.30 Philip Scholleid 8.00 Top 40 Min Bruno Brooker 7.00 Anne highingele's Flequest Show 9.60 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00em Bob Harms on Sunday

RADIO 2

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Attar 8.00 Graham Knight 7.30
Good Morning Sunday 9.05
Melodies For You 11.00 Your
Radio 2 All-Time Greats
2.00gm Benny Green 3.25-5.20
Football Special (MW only)
3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 Orchestral
Contrasts 4.30-5.00 Sng
Something Simple 5.20-7.00
Charile Chester (MW only)
7.00 An Actor's Life For Me 7.30
Operatiz Nights 8.30 Sunday
Half-Hour 9.00 Your Hundred Best
Tunes 10.05 Songs From the
Shows 10.45 Eric Parkin 11.00
Sounds of Jazz 1.00em Nightnde
3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

2.50 Rubinstein on Record with

RADIO 3

6.35cm Open University (FM) only)
6.55 Weather and News
Headines
7.00 Hendel: A 12-part series Handet: A 12-pert series featuring the Concernic grossi, Op 6. Vs tactro e nascosto "Gullio Cesare, Act 1" (Philitarmonia Beroque Orchestra under Nicholas McGegan); Verdi prati, selve amene "Alcine. Act 2" (City of London Berodine Sinfonta under Baroque Sinfonta under Richard Hickox); Concerto greate in D, Op 6 No 5 (English Concert under Trance Pinnock)

7.30 News 7.35 Molasiwiteth: The fifth of seven programmes. Knackenusen (Toccate in E flat minor); Mediner (Sonata in G minor, Op 22); Deleus (Plano Concerto: Philippropria worker Parmonia under Constant Lamoert): J. Strauss, son, art Godowsky (Die Fledermaus)

8.36 Your Concert Choice: Strikvisky (Concerts in E fitt: "Dumbarton Oaks"; TOURDONNON ON THE STATE OF THE Rather, planol: Roussel (Symphony No 1: Nabonal Orchestra of France under Charles Dutolt); Beck, arr Busoni (Chaconne in Diminor: Arturo Benedetti Michelengell, plano). Ravel (Mother Goose: Toulouse Capitole Orchestra under Albchell Alicheli
16.30 Masc viselky in Stockholm:
Scandinivien Season.
Michael Oliver samples
Sweden musical life
11.15 Mehler (Symphony No 9:
BBC Patharmonic under
Günnter Matharia)

12.35pm Four Cypresses and a Cuintet: Chilingirum Strang Outstat, with Andrew Marine, cleaned, performs 1,32 TO Leptity contense. Centerta: Le Pades Banda under Malend Kuljian partorm Laiende (Super Buttinas Babylools, 1687). Bass, der (Cantelligi: No 78: Jass, der

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Graham Sheffield, The pienist Artur Rubinstein performs Poulenc (Mouvements perpetuels); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 1: Boston SO under Leinsdorf), Including a live Chopin recital, performed in Moscow in 1964, with encores by Schumann, Debussy and Villa-Lobos (r)

4.20 Celebrity Recital: Olaf Bar, paritone, Geoffrey Parsons, piano, perform Wolf (Exchandorff Lieder: Der Musikant: Nachtzauber: Musikant, nacrization;
Verschwiegene Liebe; Der
Scholar, Der Soldat I and II;
Der verzweifelte Liebhaber;
Goethe Lieder: Körniglich
Gebat; Beherzigung;
Cophisches Lied 1; Dank
tes Duris Dan Schliffer. des Paria; Der Schäfer; Gutmann und Gutweib); Schumann (Liederkreis, Op

5.40 The Story of Denny James 5.40 The Story of Denny James (see Choice)
6.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in Vienna under Jerzy Malcymiuk, with Robert Conen. cello, performs MacMillan (Tryst): Eigar (Cello Concerto) 7.35 Carol Authorit Professor Carol Aubock, Professor of Design at Vienna's Technical University, visits the Selvedere, the Baroque
palace built by Eugene of
Sevoy as his summer
residence
8.40 New Music Group of

Scotland under Edward Harper performs Harper (Quintet, 1974); Hallidi Hallgrimsson (Verse 1 for time and cello): Thea Musgrave (Chamber Concerto No 2)

\$.20 Sweash Odes on the variety of the world by Gustav Duben, with sonates for violen and harpsichord by Johan Helmich Roman.

Scandinavian Season 10.06 Third Ear with Robert Hawison (r) 10.30 Night Voices: A sequence Night Voices: A sequence of words and music exploring the Lenten theme of suttening. The focus of prayers, postry and prose, written by Diethich Bonhoster during his imprisonment in Nazi Germany, 1943-5, is Christ's appropriate Control of the Section 1943-5.

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5.00am German Fautures: \$.35 Names in German; Headlines in English and French \$.47 Sports News 5.50 Regencial Review \$.55 Weather and Travel News \$.00 World News \$.09 Book Choice \$.15 Club World News \$.00 Month News \$.00 Cap Sports News \$.00 Month News \$.00 Month News \$.00 Cap Sports News \$.00 Month N

WORLD SERVICE

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6.55 Weather 7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm: Claire Powell
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on-the-Wall in the Tyrie Valley 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal by Peter White on behalf of Action on Disability and Development which works with disabled people in the Third World 8.55 Weather 9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers 9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by
Alstair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service: Euchanst
from the Chapel of Pusey

House, Oxford (s) 10.15 The Archers omnibus edition 11.15 News Stand with Maureen 11.30 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s) (r) 12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue

Lawley with Richard Rogers, architect of the Pompidou Centre in Paris and the Lloyd's building in London (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend with Nick Clarke in Berlin for the East Garman elections and John Sergeant in London 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. Members of the Senior Union Gardaning Club put their queries to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Ken Hutme. With Clay Jones in the chair Jones in the chair 2.30 Classic Serial: The Mystery of Edwin Drood, by Charles Dickens, dramatized in tine parts. Part 3: The Arrival (s)

3.30 The Radio Programme with Laurio Taylor (5) 4.00 News; Soundtrack: Animal Hospital. In the second of six programmes, a visit is paid to Bristol's School of Vetennary Science 4.42 Prolite: Geoff Watts with a portrait of Danis Noble. Professor of Physiology at Oxford, who is lighting against the discline of research in this country

5.00 News; Down Your Way: Malcohn Bradbury, university lecture, novelist and television scriptwiter, explores Norwich, his home

explores Norwert, his nome for many years

5.40 Snapshots From the Roof of the World: Radio Pictures of Ladakh. The Road to Challing. Radio photographer Tim Malyon presents a picture of the remote Ladakh region in the Himalayas 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 News 6.15 Letter From . . . Israel: Four talks by foreign correspondents. The BBC's Jarusalem correspondent, Gerald Burt, on the Arab-israeli conflict

6.30 Europhile: Weekly magazine reflecting political life in Europe (r) 7.00 Cat's Whiskers presented by Andy Crane (s)
7.30 Bookshelf (r)
8.00 Punters: An opportunity for

listeners to report on ife's problems, injustices and quirks. With Susan Marting 8.40 Reading Aloud; Travels with Heaping Abbot : Traves with Henry, writing and read by Colin Johnson, A narrative, set in the Hebrides, describing the author's first experiences as a professional actor 9.00 Naws; Enquire Within with Disk Barlow M

Day Barlow (r)

9.15 The Natural History
Programme 9.59 Weather

10.00 News, incl coverage of the
results of today's General
Election in East Germany

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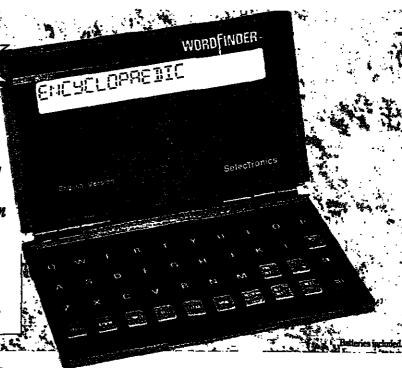
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Neck and neck in first free elections

From Anne McElvoy East Berlin

East Germans head for the polls tomorrow in their first free elections since the Nazi takeover in 1933 with the two main contenders neck and neck at the finishing post.

The Social Democrats who only a week ago seemed certain to be the leading force in a coalition government are now faced with a threat from the conservative three-party Alliance for Germany closing the gap by the day.

The first real elections also look likely to be the last in the country with the foremost task of the new government being to negotiate speedy unification with West Germany and effectively make itself superfluous.

In the overheated atmosphere of smears, exposures and wild promises which have governed the campaign in its closing stages, the elec

torate appears to be looking for a party or alliance it thinks will bring unity fastest with least damage to its living standards.

Only a handful of the 500 deputies to the Volkskammer (parliament) are expected to be returned.

The population which used to refer to the elections under the Communists as simply "folding the form" is looking perplexed by the pace of developments and many say that they are uncertain whether they will vote at all.

• Schnur action - The East Friday said it was opening apartheid and sharing power. disciplinary proceedings against former conservative leader Wolfgang Schnur for his connections with the Stasi secret police, the news agency

Only four days before the East German elections, Mr Schnur shocked his partners in the conservative coalition by admitting that he had been



First talks on eliminating apartheid

Pretoria and ANC to meet next month

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

The South African Government and the African National Congress will meet for the first time next month, to pave the German Justice Ministry on way for negotiations on eliminating

> The encounter, in Cape Town on April 11, was announced yesterday by President de Klerk, who said the discussions would deal with "obstacles perceived to obstruct the process towards negotiations". He will lead a cabinet team, and Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC vicepresident, will head the organization's delegation.

> Mr Tom Sebina, the senior ANC spokesman in Lusaka, said the composition of its delegation was still being

there is a very strong commitment on

The talks are expected to focus on ANC preconditions for negotiations the release of all political prisoners and

Black rule inevitable .

an end to political trials, the lifting of the state of emergency and the repeal of discriminatory legislation. Pretoria will want a commitment to peaceful

Prisoners are being released gradually, and Mr de Klerk has expressed willing-

considered. Asked about prospects of success, he said: "Weare hopeful. I think security permits. Government sources are encouraged

by the mutual respect which has developed between Mr de Klerk and Mr It is also regarded as fortuitous that both Mr de Klerk and Mr Mandela are

trained lawyers, while Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister for Constitutional Development who heads the cabinet negotiation team, is an academic of keen intellect.

Despite an apparent sense of urgency on both sides, substantive negotiations on creating a post-apartheid society are unlikely to begin soon.

Tory MPs reveal a growing unease over the leadership

Continued from page 1 association: "It is sad that we vatives of up to 33 per cent. cannot rely upon our Govern-Anxiety among Conservative ment to present its policies in a more constructive and to the fore yesterday with Mr Patrick Cormack, MP for South Staffordshire, saying:

"The ultimate test of leader—
There was a real fear that

ship is knowing when to end it. It is important to hand on the torch while it is still aflame." Mrs Thatcher should stand down within the next

two years, he said. The Conservative MP for Macclesfield, Mr Nicholas Winterton, told the annual meeting of his constituency In addition, the former

association: "It is sad that we Cabinet minister. Sir Norman

the party had lost touch with reality and with the grass roots of its support, he said.

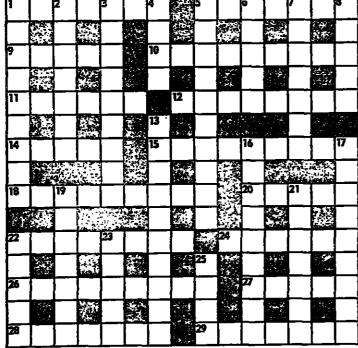
The letters of complaint and disillusionment, the telephone calls of frustration and anger, the personal approaches of despair, come in daily like a tide," he said.

Fowler, said that the value of child benefit should not be allowed to wither away.

The Harris poll carried out for London Weekend Television's Evewitness programme found that if there were an election tomorrow, Mrs Thatcher could lose herseat in Finchley, north London.

Her 8,913 majority at the general election represented a 22% lead over Labour. But the poll showed it had been eroded to 43 per cent for both Labour and Conservatives.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,244



- ACROSS
 1 Essential food the best part of
- 5 He's loaded a doctor's back (7). 9 Female will remove cases (5).
- 19 Novel character as special agent 11 About to move right in recent
- grouping of moderates (6).

 12 Shrub with flower contrary gardener produced (8).
- 14 Snow blocks building (5). 15 Cricket side passed over curtly
- 18 Origin of gustatory impairment? It's a tongue condition (9).
- 20 Non-belligerent military leader has a drink (5). 22 Penchant, might it be, for a final performance? (4-4).
- 24 Punch companion endlessly wildly hit her (6).
- 26 Vehicle to drive off, we hear?
- This'll help stop it (5-4). 27 Often orchestra includes this sort of horn (5).
- 28 Mathematical formula makes article more complicated (7). 29 Protestant worker diluted mix-

Solution to Puzzle No 18,243

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- I Magnaminous about faction in creating division (9). 2 Constant changes
- Very excited composer, taking in Brazilian city (9). 4 Oxford saint cut with blade, we
- 5 Sea-creature to ridicule with
- nonsense about silly fin (6-4). Dish that's divided first (5). Scholar or student taken in by a Vandyke, possibly (7).
- Particularly fine extremes of delicacy (5).
- 13 City gent's upset about tonight's lapse (10).
- Considered a century was im-Orders hay, perhaps, for this (4-
- 19 Salt beef? Consumed about a pound (7). 21 Wine Greek character's given to
- opponent (7).
 22 Brooded about half-boot or
- 23 Get off course? Quite! (5).
- 25 Not really one of three sisters, it's clear (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,238

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the

possible definitions is correct? ACCINGE

- a. A novice monk or nun b. To gird c. A secret Masonic sign NASARD
- a. A visor's nose-guard b. A siege engine c. An organ stop **ERUCIFORM**
- a. Cross-shaped b. Like a caterpilla . The sixth form at Harrow FISSELIG a. Flastered
- c. A gimmer goat
 - Answers on page 14

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Concise crossword, page 48

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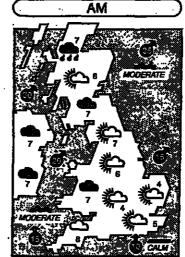
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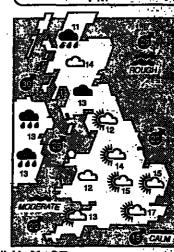
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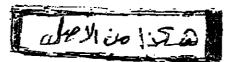
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MiniScribe \$20m loan defended

Standard Chartered Bank has defended its decision to lend \$20 million to MiniScribe, the coliapsed US components group, last January even though the company had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy (Neil Bennett writes).

"At the time we put the money in," said a spokesman, there seemed a reasonable prospect of a solution to MiniScribe's problems. The filing meant the company was

being reconstructed.
"We thought the loan also enhanced the prospect of seliing the company. Clearly in retrospect the decision was

wrong."

After it made the loan, negotiations to sell MiniScribe fell through, although the bank said it still hoped to find a buyer and its loans were secured on almost all the company's remaining assets. The US court said a buyer needs to found by April 17.

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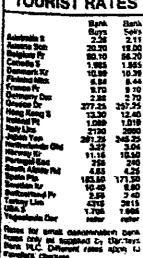
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TOURIST RATES



Depositors still bitter as SIB trial nears

The trial of eight men in connection with the £42 million collapse of the Savings and Investment Bank (SIR) on the Isle of Man in 1982 opens on Tuesday in a Port Erin hotel converted into a courtroom for the case.

The hearing, before the Acting Deemster, Mr Thomas Field-Fisher, QC, and a jury of 12, marks the end of a two-year investigation by Fraud Squad officers after the savings of 5,000 SIB clients disappeared. But the trial has not ended the

anger and frustration felt by many depositors, some of whom lost their life savings in the crash.

The seven charges on the indict-ment include conspiracy to defraud,

falsification of accounts and fraudulent trading.

Against the background of a criminal trial likely to last at least six months, a civil action has been launched against the Manx government, which licensed SIB under the island's 1975 Banking Act.

The Manx Financial Supervision Commission says that a licence was granted when there was widespread reliance in British banking on selfregulation. The depositors say that, in granting the licence, the govern-ment assumed a duty of care to them which was breached when, they claim, it failed properly to supervise

After the crash, the joint liq-uidators, Peat Marwick and Cork

Gully, recovered £13.1 million, from which fees and costs have accounted for £7.6 million.

but the acrimony goes on, among both those who have lost their savings and the island's politicians, thorough hearing is essential in repairing damage to the island's

reputation as a financial centre.

An interim dividend to creditors of 15p in the pound was approved this week by Deemster John Corrin, concerned at the probable £10 million cost of the trial, the biggest of its kind in Manx history. Some £4 million has been approved for legal aid fees for the eight accused. The Manx government believes that a

Mr Jim Noakes, banking supervisor with the commission, would said that finance now dominated the island's economy, earning more than £77 million a year. The commission was set up in January

1983, seven months after the SIB crash, and introduced regulations on banking and building society business, collective investment schemes and the sale of investment products. There are now 51 banks on the

island that meet the £5 million minimum capital requirement laid down by the government, two-thirds of them British. "Some see this as a deterrent to new licence applications, but we are unrepentant," Mr Noakes said.

At least 10 applications from banks to open a branch on the island for an unbolted stable door.

not comment on the SIB case, but have been rejected in recent years. Mr Noakes said: "Any regulator in the world will say that what saddens him most is this need for ever more detailed regulation.

"That the market and the standards of the market require this is simply a result of competition. But now in every area of our supervision, banks, collective investment schemes and investment business, we have tough licensing, significant capital requirements, and very tight notification requirements."

The measures are seen as being among the most stringent in Europe, but SIB investors, drawn by the attractive rate of interest offered, sense that they have been left to pay

Trading halted in Wiggins shares

Shares in Wiggins Group, the housebuilder and property de-veloper in London Docklands, were suspended on the Stock Exchange pending the property sale and talks with its

The shares have plunged from a high of 270p last summer to their suspension price of 38p, off 24p this week alone as the company approaches its March 31 financial year-end. At the suspension price it is valued at £6 million.
At the time of the interim

results in January, showing a £1.33 million loss. Wiggins was hopeful of selling its 347room four-star hotel, beside Olympia & York's Canary Wharf development in Docklands, to an unnamed big company in the hotels field for £55 million.

Profits from the sale would have boosted this year's earnings, hard hit by the housebuilding and property collapse. But Wiggins now says it has prepared a "fall-back position" in case the sale does not now take place.

Mr Geoff Lansbury, the managing director, said he had "every expectation" the sale would be completed by the financial year-end.

The potential buyer had been given a deadline of this date to clinch the sale, or at least show willing. But if the sale did not take

place, the group would need to extend its borrowing facilities to tide it over. The shares were suspended

at the company's request, he said, to prevent a false market. "We're very surprised at the movement in the shares in the last two or three days," he

The fall-back position is a tax partnership scheme under which investors could recoup 75 per cent of their purchase price from the taxman if they complete in the present financial year.

But the proceeds from this will not be available until well after the hotel's prospectus goes out this summer.

Wiggins has identified several potential investors - including the Holiday Inn chain, which wants to operate the hotel - but needs more. Mr Lansbury said the company's banks were "excited" at the tax sheiter plan.

Meanwhile, the company has exchanged contracts for £9 million worth of sales at its South Quay tax shelter business apartments development, close to the hotel in Docklands, and another £15 million of reservations have been

British firm delivers dawn offer to answering machine

BTR launches \$1.6bn bid for US group

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

United States could follow a \$1.6 billion cash offer by BTR, the manufacturing conglomerate Chaired by Sir Owen laws that can thwart hostile Green, for Norton, the takeovers. BTR's American Massachusetts-based multinational that claims overcome potential barriers. to be the world's biggest

abrasives company. The \$75-a-share offer, which compared with a rumour-boosted overnight Norton share price of \$584, was widely welcomed in London as a sensible move. It would not depress BTR earnings and BTR skills might be able to raise Norton's 9.6 per cent profit margins to BTR's 17.6

Shares in BTR, which moved ahead on Wednesday further 20p to 437p, valuing the group at £7.6 billion.

In New England, however, the bid started with all the hallmarks of the adversarial legal approach widely used in the United States. Mr John said there had been no previous contact with Norton.

The tender offer was communicated by a telephone stitutional investors. call to the home of Mr John Nelson, Norton's chairman, president and chief executive,

Another legal battle over at 6.15 am local time, which been caught after an un-British bid in the left Mr Cahill delivering his expected \$10 million fall in message only to an answering

> Norton has a conventional poison pill provision and years of recovery. Massachusetts has business lawyers swiftly filed suits to

But Mr Cahill insisted that the bid was not intended to be Nelson aimed at defusing local very impressed with Norton."

wanted to be constructive, did not buy companies to break ton's headquarters from Worcester, Massachusetts.

house 50 miles from Mr American businesses. Nelson's in Massachusetts. per cent rise in pre-tax profit where BTR salready has bid from available borrowings to £1.08 billion, gained a substantial interests, and that BTR left the door open for a per cent. higher bid if there were talks.

comment, but US analysts did not take it for granted that Cahill, BTR's chief executive, there need be a bitter legal battle if the BTR offer were Norton stock is held by in-

The bid values it at 19 times earnings. But Norton, which has a patchy profit record, has Norton stock.

profits to \$129 million, due to cost problems, after a restructuring brought three

It is the market leader in grinding wheels, its original base, as well as having strong positions in sandpaper and diamond and boron grinding. It also makes technically advanced industrial ceramics hostile. In a letter to Mr and high performance plastics.

Nearly half sales are outside opposition, he said: "We are the US. But there is little overlap with BTR, which does The letter said that BTR not expect to encounter antitrust objections.

If successful, the Norton bid them up and had no plans to close factories or move Nor-BTR's \$3 billion US sales. But Mr Cahill said Norton was not the vehicle for the planned Mr Cahill said he had a separate flotation of BTR's BTR plans to finance the

and is negotiating new facilhe hoped he might talk to Mr ities. Its loan gearing would Nelson over the weekend, rise from about 40 to nearly 70 The offer, which is con-

Norton made no immediate ditional on two thirds acceptance, is due to end on April

Unless Norton agrees a bid by the end of March BTR has raised. About 70 per cent of reserved the right to start a proxy battle to replace most of Norton's directors at the annual meeting on April 26. It starts with only \$15 million



Playing for high stakes: John Cahill, BTR chief executive, after making his bid yesterday

Economic data signal need for Budget to fight inflation

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

mic statistics showed that high interest rates have slowed the economy but have yet to make serious inroads into inflation. Economists saw the data as signalling the need for a tight Budget on Tuesday, as the counter-inflationary squeeze the consumer sufficiently.

Real disposable income rose by 5 per cent last year. Treasury data on Government finances showed a repayment of £1 billion last month, putting the Budget surplus after 11 months at £9.6 billion against £16.2 billion at the same stage last year. This suggests the surplus will fall far short of the £12.5 billion Mr John Major hoped for on becoming Chancellor. The mar-

ket expects £8 billion. A jump in unit wage costs, inflation - already expected to top last year's 8.3 per cent in the months ahead - sent a

strong "keep it tight" warning. In January, unit wage costs in manufacturing were 7.3 per cent higher than in January 1989, after rising 5.4 per cent appears to have failed to curb in the year to December. The latest data - covering the whole economy - showed these costs rising by an annualized 10.1 per cent in the third quarter after 9.0 per cent

in the previous quarter. After prolonged improvements, productivity in manufacturing increased only 0.6 per cent in the year to January. For the whole economy, productivity declined in the second and third quarters. The Central Statitistical Office figures showed that economic growth halved last year. cent in the past two months.

A pre-Budget welter of econo- which is likely to further fuel. The gross domestic product. measuring local goods and services, grew by 2.3 per cent 1988. Mr Major had assumed growth of about 2 per cent in his autumn statement.

Economists believe the fi-

nai-quarter figures were boosted by the earlier New Year sales, which also explains the rise in consumer goods production. January data showed industrial production declining

by 0.8 per cent after a 0.9 per cent fall the previous month. The CSO believes the underlying trend growth rate for industrial output is now I per cent, half a percentage point below its previous estimate. The trend estimate for manufacturing has been downgra-

ded to 2 per cent from 2.5 per

Bank plugs hole in tax defences

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor The Bank of England has

moved to stop brokers using a Banking Act loophole to set up as alternative banks offering gross interest to UK residents. The move came two days after the Building Societies Association appealed to the Chancellor to allow deposittakers to pay interest gross to

Banks and building societies fear they will lose billions of pounds of deposits through independent taxation, operative next month.

Under an exemption in the Banking Act, brokers, accountants and solicitors can place money on deposit for clients and earn interest gross, to be passed on to clients without deducting tax.

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President of Black & Decker and a	
former director of Littlewoods, who took	
over yesterday as Astra's new chief	
executive.	
"The post-mortem is still being	
conducted."	

Mr Barber, who refused to comment

or financial support. Early steps towards "substantial restructuring" of the group will be announced next week.

million on turnover of £96.2 million last

Acquisition of Belgian ammunition group blasts profits

Deal explodes in Astra's face

By Melinda Wittstock

The stock market value of Astra Holdings, the ammunition, pyrotechnics and fireworks maker, almost halved yestenday after a warning by the company of "substantial losses" in the year to end-March as a result of an acquisition that

Astra shares, which reached a peak of 180p last year, slumped 16p to 21p. valuing the business at just £19 million. The company, which shocked the City with interim losses of £3,43 million last December, has blamed its woes on PRB. the less-making Belgian ammunitions maker acquired from Société Génerale de Belgique, the industrial conglemerate.

for the business, but as yet it is difficult to tell just what a realistic price is," said Mr last September for £21.5 million. Tony McCann, a former Senior Vice Mr Roy Barber, the accountant who

ture earlier this month of Mr Gerald James, said the financial position of PRB was "materially worse" than represented to Astra when it acquired the company. Astra's former management had been led to believe PRB would make pre-tax profits of £2 million in 1989, he said.

took over as chairman after the depar-

Instead it has made a loss of £12 million. Astra, which terminated talks with La Generale after it refused to rescind the acquisition contract or pay Astra compensation, is now in talks with its legal advisers with a view to securing compensation through the courts. "We're looking to pay a realistic price

executive. "The poston what precisely might have gone wrong

in the due diligence process, said Astra would be making "substantial provisions" for PRB loss, but was under no legal obligation to provide further capital

Astra reported pre-tax profits of £9.5

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Forsayth directors quit after boardroom row

The chairman and four other directors of Forsayth, the Australian gold mining company which enjoys a popular investment following in London, have resigned after a boardroom quarrel.

Mr John Morris, chairman, Mr Michael Evans, a joint managing director, Mr Barry Hacker, Mr Chris Kyriakou, and Mr John Byrne have resigned after a "long-running dispute" with its major 28.1 per cent shareholder, Walhalla Mining, a subsidiary of First Toronto Mining, Earlier, Walhalla announced it was close to finalizing a deal whereby its stable in Parassus Cold the US its stake in Forsayth would pass to Pegasus Gold, the US mining company. Forsavth's board will be re-constituted with five non-executive directors and one executive.

BAA traffic rises 8.6%

BAA's seven UK airports Mr T Boone Pickens, the handled 4.7 million pas- Texas investor, has insengers in February, an increase of 8.6 per cent on the enouth in 1989 and the largest mouthly rise since March last year. Traffic on domestic and long-haul flights advanced by 10 per cent, and on European scheduled routes by 15 per cent. A depressed market for skiing holidays contributed to a 16 per cent fall in short-

Pickens lifts Koito stake

Texas investor, has in-creased his stake in Koito Manufacturing Co, the Japanese car parts maker, to 26.4 per cent from 24.6 per cent, Koito said. He was expected to increase his stake to about 30 per cent by registering further shares, it said, adding: "We fear that Pickens will resort to more pressure and demands." Toyota holds 19 per cent of Koito, and buys most of its output.

Payout at Brompton

Higher safety and environmental control standards have led to an apsurge in profits at Brompton Holdings, the inspection and testing group, which is paying its first dividend in five

Pre-tax profits increased to £1.5 million, up from £24,000 in the year to end-December, after turnover surged from £12.2 million to £52.3 million. The dividend is 2p, on earnings of 8.2p a share against a loss of 3.3p. Brompton recently announced it had won a significant order, through its Inspectorate OIS subsidiary, at the Sizewell B nuclear power station, but would not specify what this would be worth in

Cooper sales Pict is selling earn £8.45m

Frederick Cooper has sold its Lamson industrial vacnum cleaning and conveying equipment interests to J Bibby for £8.45 million to help eliminate borrowings. Announcement of the disosals accompanied nearlyhalved group pre-tax profits at £2.3 million for the six months to January, on turnover of £33.6 million, up by £1 million. The interim dividend stays at 1.5p, on earnings per share of 4.2p (8.1p).

profit interest

Pict Petroleum is selling its 30 per cent net profits interest in nine onshore licences in Yorkshire to Tullow Oil. The licences include the Kir-by Misperton, Malton and Marishes gas fields and will cost Tallow £315,000 in cash and 300,000 shares, worth £69,000. As a result, Pict will hold 1.5 per cent of Tullow, as a long-term investment. An immediate "beneficial impact" on Pict's balance

Swedes steering Sealink HK Land rises to cross-Channel luxury

cross-Channel travel.

Mr Dan Sten Ollsson, chairman of Stena, the Swedish shipping line, was in London yesterday to spell out the fut-ure of Sealink, which Stena finally won control of this week after a year-long fight.

Among his plans are the building of hotels to serve as the ultimate destination of the cross-Channel traveller, a strong drive into the package holiday trade, the import of ships from Stena's Baltic fleet and a revamping of the existing Sealink fleet. Mr Ollsson, who has

adopted the catch-phrase, "Travelling for pleasure," believes the opening of the Channel tunnel will mean that an upgrading to huxury standards is the only way the ferries will survive. Shareholders in Sea Containers this week approved the

twin deals that will see Sealink transferred to Stena and the purchase by Mr Robert Montague's Tiphook of most of its Stena will, on April 1, be ble to hoist its flag on the Sealink fleet, consisting of 14 wholly-owned ferries and five

The first passengers will today In April, the Fantasia's cross from Dover to Calais on sister ship, the Fiesta, joins the the Fantasia, a "floating five- cross-Channel service, both star hotel" that represents, the having been refitted at Bremnew owner of the Sealink ferry erhaven. The ships can carry business believe, the future of 1,800 passengers each and 700 evitable discos and shops, are what are claimed to be the world's first floating fresh pizza outlets.

Stena already runs hotels in Scandinavia, but these are closely tied to its shipping operations and based at the ports used. Mr Ollsson has already identified a site, on the Continent but away from the port, for his first hotel tied to

About 30 per cent of Stena's revenue comes from package holidays, and computer systems used in that business will be introduced in Sealink as the first step in a strong drive into this activity. Of its seven million passengers on the Baltic, two million are on holidays arranged by the shipping line. The ideal is to present the

traveller with a package -

"car, cabin, meal, hotel, transport, the lot", says Mr Ollsson. Sealink's new owner beheves that prices will be similar for ferries and the tunnel. "Neither system will let the other undercut it," says Mr Ollsson. The difference will be about an hour's time saving for tunnel-users. But Mr Ollsson does not think this operated in partnership with Mr Ollse Armement Navale, offshoot will dra of the French railway, SNCF. Sealink. will draw passengers from



Dan Sten Ollsson: spelling out plans for Sealink yesterday

Bluebird Toys in £5m convertible

Bluebird Toys, the Unlisted Securities Market toymaker, is raising £5.93 million for expansion at home and overseas, with particular attention to Europe and the single market, through a rights issue of convertible stock.

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tax profits from £2.25 million dividend is to be maintained ahead of last year, with this to £2.18 million in the year to at 6.75p. ahead of last year, with this year's sales projected at £52

Mr Torquil Norman, the chairman, said that high inrush at Christmas.

Mr Norman said margins

This should be helped by terest rates and dull trading last October's distribution conditions led to disappoint- deal with Mattel, the Ameriing repeat orders towards the can toy company, which end of last year, particularly should bring in about £3 from some of the big stores, million of extra sales and add although there had been a late an estimated £400,000 to

Extraordinary costs of Details of the issue accom- Although earnings per share had improved and that the £496,000 related to a property panied news of a slip in pre- slip from 22.8p to 17.3p, the present order book is well reorganization at Merit.

Opec to urge curbs by Kuwait

By Our Industrial Staff

Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries are expected to pressurize Kuwait, a key producer, to curb oil output as prices this minimum \$18-a-barrei target "If the price comes down as expected and if Kuwait doesn't cut there is going to be big disappointment, both in

sultancy based in Geneva. "Unless there are reductions [in output] the price between now and May will fall between 50 cents and \$1 for light crudes and for heavy more than that."

Opec and the market," said

Nalcosa, the energy con-

It estimates demand by consumers for Opec oil in the second quarter will average 21 million barrels per day (bpd) and, allowing for a stockbuild of between 500,000 and 1 million bpd, the call on Opec would total 21.5 to 22 million bpd. This compares with Opec output running at close to 24 million bpd.



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24% to £119m despite slump

From Luiu Yu, Hong Kong

Hongkong Land, the colony's biggest landlord, has announced record earnings for 1989 despite the turmoil in China which slowed the property market last year.

Net profits rose 24 per cent to HK\$1.51 billion (£119 million) on rising rents and almost full occupancy of Hongkong Land's portfolio. Earnings per share to end-December increased 23 per cent to 59.4 cents.

Mr Simon Keswick, chairman, said he was "confident of another year of positive rental reversions and profit growth" because of the shortage of prime office space in Hong Kong's central business district. Rentals for the group's properties are the highest in

the colony. They averaged HK\$31 a sq ft and HK\$51 a sq ft for office and retail space respectively, representing in-creases over 1988 of 41 per cent and 34 per cent. Mr Keswick said the commercial property market had held up well and that the

group would look for expansion opportunities in Hong Kong and the region. "With net borrowings at less

than 17 per cent of shareholders' funds. Hongkong Land is from 38 cents.

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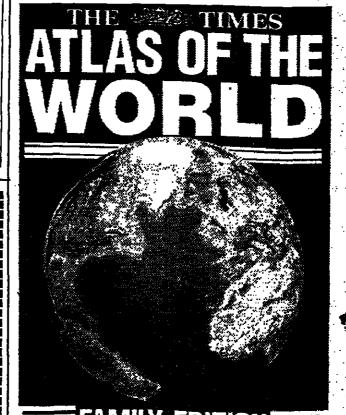
Confident: Simon Keswick well placed to capitalize on suitable opportunities as and when they arise. Accordingly, the group will continue to seek investment and development opportunities in Hong Kong and elsewhere in South-east Asia," he said.

Net borrowings totalled HK\$6.67 billion, or 16.9 per cent of shareholders' funds. A surplus of HK\$2.71 billion has been credited to the investment property reserve following a revaluation of the group's portfolio at the end of

A final dividend of 32 cents makes a total of 48 cents, up

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Automated Security profits Budget prepares the ground for surge 22% to top £23m

Strong organic growth in all man, said the acquisitions, profits by 65 per cent to £18 electronic security market, divisions helped Automated partially funded by a £75 million on turnover up 41 per now plans to expand AP Security Holdings, the elec-tronic security alarms specialist where Mr Michael Ash-croft's ADT holds just under 5 per cent, lift pre-tax profits by 22 per cent to £23.3 million for the year to end-November.

Confident it is "on the threshold of a new growth phase" throughout the world as £140 million worth of acquisitions make their first contributions to profits this year, ASH has increased the total dividend by 57 per cent

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The City of London police

have alerted City institutions

to watch out for stolen share

certificates after the arrest of

four men for an alleged £11

Three men appeared in Guildhall justice rooms this

week and were granted bail

after being charged with

conspiring to defraud by using

24 share certificates worth

They were Mr Lionel

Rawlinson, aged 67, of Chel-sea: Mr Christopher Hutala,

sea; Mr Christopher Hutala, aged 44, from Richmond, Surrey; and Mr Ziaul Siddfiqui, aged 45, from Wembley. Mr Michael Pastides, aged 43, was charged and mill appear next track to

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GR Holdings made £894,861

pre-tax in the six months to

December on sales down from

Shareholders have taken up

75.2 per cent of the £49

million rights issue by NSM.

the open-cast coal miner and

concrete floor maker, after

Annio United's decision to

accept in relation to its 21.5 per cent stake. The terms are 2-for-7 at 85p. The shares were

Gaskell slips

Gaskell, the carpet group, saw pre-tax profits slip £172,000 to £2.3 million after a near-

fourfold rise in the interest bill

at £026,000. Sales rose 23 per cent to £37,6 million. A final

dividend of 5.5p makes a total of 8.3p (7.5p) on carnings of 27.9p (30p).

CUB control

Carlton and United Brew-cries, an offshoot of Elders

IXL has secured control of Matilda Bay Brewing with 55

per cent. CUB raised its

original 55 cents a share offer

to 57 cents a share on

Pre-tax profits at Sirdar, the

textiles group, slipped £658,000 to £3.2 million in the

six months to end-December

on sales of £28 million (£29.5

million). Interim dividend

stays at 1.65p on carnings of

Plan approved

Courtaulds' plan to demerge its textiles operations won

approval at a shareholders'

meeting. It will become eff-

ective when dealings in the

new shares begin on Monday.

Minorco payout

Minorco, the Luxembourg-

based investment group, is raising its interim dividend

for the six months ended De-

cember by 14.3 per cent to 16

US cents a share, payable May

the increase in carnings from

Minorco says this follows

Sirdar down

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Sales down

million rights issue last July, had only recently been fully integrated into the group, accounting for only £15 million of turnover.

Turnover was up 38 per cent to £114.7 million despite a drop in investment income from £6 million to £1.6 million, while earnings per share climbed 14 per cent to 17.9p.

The security systems division, helped by a threemonth contribution from API Alarms, the California busimillion on turnover up 41 per now plans to expand . API cent to £79.1 million.

ASH's loss-prevention operations, aided by dev-elopment of its electronic article surveillance and closed circuit television activities and the creation of its Automated Loss Prevention Sys-tems, increased profits by 53 per cent to £8.5 million on turnover up 75 per cent to £34 in British profits despite the

Mr Buffett, who said the company's aggressive expansion programme has trans-

Alarms throughout the US and make more acquisitions in Europe in loss prevention, which will this year benefit from recent acquisitions in West Germany, France, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

With crime essentially recession-proof, Mr Buffett is not worried about a downturn property market slump.

Turnover in the first three months of the current year is already 75 per cent up on last o 17.9p.

ness acquired last August for formed it into "a leading year, and shows no signs of international player in the slowing, he said.

Hornby Group steams ahead with rise of 44%



Engine for growth: Jack Strowger, chairman of Hornby, with Thomas the Tank

£4.6 million to £4.1 million. Last time's £6.4 million pre-tax included £5.6 million from the sale of London office Group, the toys and model space. The dividend stays at railways group, steamed ahead by 44 per cent to £3.47 0.4p on earnings of 3.8p million in the year to end-December (Philip Pangalos NSM take-up

> The group saw a 37 per cent advance in turnover to £32 million, boosted by a strong performance from all its major brands, which include

Pre-tex profits at Hornby Scalextric, Hornby Railways and Thomas the Tank.

The Scalextric and Horaby Railways brands are market leaders and account for 70 per cent of the group's sales.

Earnings per share rose by 55 per cent to 28.3p and the final dividend is improved by 43 per cent to 7.5p.

Mr Jack Strowger, the chairman, said: "Demand for

remained very buoyant despite the general uncertainty."

Acquisition of the Fletcher sports boat business, which has more than a third of its business overseas, added £4.4 million to group turnover, with profits in excess of £350,000.

Hornby had a £2.23 million extraordinary credit after a favourable decision on a tax chairman, said: "Demand for appeal relating to the ac-all of the group's products quisition of Hornby Hobbies.

Major move into Number 10

ister's current favourite to succeed her. On Tuesday, he presents his first Budget, on television, in colour and in the knowledge that if his strategy is wrong her chances of winning the next election and his of moving into Number 10 will be vanishingly small.

In a pre-election coup to remove the Prime Minister the alternative would be an established figure, like Sir Geoffrey Howe. In defeat, the Conservative Party would turn to a different style of standard bearer, or mace waver, like Michael Heseltine.

The City is eager to give the Chancellor a fair wind. Sterling has recently taken a sharp knock, mainly because the storming of town halls is not seen abroad as a vote of confidence in the Mrs Thatcher whom foreign capitalists love and admire. Nor is it. On the other hand, the equity market, which reflects the attitudes of people with votes here, may not be strong but it betrays no signs of panic in the face of Labour's 20 per cent lead in the polls and the immediate prospect of the Tories going down in next week's Mid-Staffordshire by-election.

The battle may be lost but the war is far from over, a view I am sure Mr Kinnock at his most sanguine shares. With an election not later than June 1992, Mr Major can reasonably count on two Budgets, next week's and another in March 1991. The first will lay the groundwork for the second.

In essence, he has to be tough enough this year to keep interest rates from rising above 15 per cent. If he succeeds, base rates should start coming down before the end of the year, taking mortgage rates down with them. The relationship between movements in mortgage rates and Conservative electoral ratings - the latter rising when the former fall - is remarkably close.

In his 1991 Budget, as Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser at Lloyds Bank has calculated, the Chancellor could be in a position to take 2p off income tax, to within contemplating distance of a 20p lower rate. This would help to concentrate and perhaps refocus voters' minds. It might also, of course, drive the opposition parties into a voting pact in a final attempt to overturn the Government. That is next year's speculation.

Tuesday's question is: how tough is tough? The only really tough Budget during Mrs Thatcher's first decade was Sir Geoffrey Howe's 1981 Budget. In the middle of a recession that mildmannered, courageous man raised taxes by a net £4.25 billion and provoked the famous letter to The Times in which 364 economists forecast the end of the world. Had they forecast the longest post-1945 spell of sustained economic growth, coupled with low inflation, they would have been right. For Mr Major to emulate Sir Geoffrey's performance he would



need to raise taxes by an estimated £9

Budget predictions are notoriously unreliable but I would stake all against his going to such lengths on Tuesday. Although the signals are ambiguous, the regime of high interest rates is slowing the economy and does not need reinforcing with heavy increases in income tax - even if the Cabinet had the stomach for them. Most Tory backbenchers would argue that raising taxes by dropping the rating system for the Community Charge is enough for

For the Budget to be neutral, the Chancellor needs to raise up to £3 billion to offset costs to the Exchequer of introducing separate taxation for married couples and the first full-year of his predecessor's restructuring of National Insurance contributions. Neutrality alone is not enough. A net increase in income taxes of at least £1 billion is needed to sustain the markets' belief in the Government's resolve to hold sterling and bring down inflation.

There are two racing certainties, both affecting those on higher incomes and thus in keeping with the current belief in equality of misery. Nigel Lawson rang the knell of the company car in his 1988 Budget by pointing out that is was taxed on only a quarter of its value. In two Budgets, scale charges have dou-bled and logic and politics suggest that next week they should go up another 50 per cent to bring them into line with the value of the car. If Mr Major does go the whole way the average tax paid on this particular perk, enjoyed by 1.6 million company car owners, would rise from £500 to £750. The company car would live on as long as it did not also attract National Insurance contri-

his exemption is part of the case for raising the upper earnings limit for employees' NICs. Abandoning the limit altogether as was done for employers' NICs in 1985 would be harsh. An increase of 10 per cent above next year's indexed level would take the limit to £20,000 - not an unfair figure if Mr Major also resorts to the device of raising income tax by not indexing tax allowances. This was last done in the 1981 Budget. It would cost basic rate taxpayers £54 and married couples another £30. It is regressive: it hits the less well off harder than the better off and may not happen if the political opprobrium is deemed not worth the extra revenue. Where else the Chancellor would have uncovered £1.4 billion I cannot imagine. Tax increases (relative to an indexed

base) from not indexing income tax allowances, putting up company car scales by 50 per cent and raising the NIC upper earnings limit by 10 per cent would bring in an additional £2.6 billion. This would pay for some tax cuts and in Christopher Johnson's calculations, leave the Chancellor with extra revenue of £1.2 billion, which is about the middle of most forcesters' about the middle of most forecasters' range. The main tax cuts are independent taxation of husbands and wives (£500 million) and, almost certainly, non-revalorizing of excise duties except petrol (£850 million), to keep the impact on the retail price index down to 0.1 per cent. Another £50 million will be "given away" by not taxing nurseries at factories and offices as a fringe benefit.

So far we are looking at a boring Budget — and I have not even mentioned monetary policy, M0, medium term financial strategy, funding or the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System!

r Major cannot afford to colour his Budget grey unless he too is already thinking of spending more time with his family, which I am certain he is not. He needs to address the issue of personal savings, or rather the lack of them. The City and the Wider Share Ownership Council would bless him if he would abolish stamp duty on share transaction and sanctify him if he scrapped capital gains tax. Neither is likely. Nor do I think he will untie CGT rates from income tax rates, coupled by the tidy-minded Nigel Lawson, and cut, by much or a little, the CGT rate. He might, indeed should, extend roll-over relief to per-sonal investors in shares, putting them in the same position as managers of unit and investment trusts and personal equity plans.

If Mr Major seriously wants to get away to a flying start as a taxreforming, savings enthusiast he should take on board Professor Mervyn King's tax-free retirement account scheme. Professor King, of the London School of Economics and a recent recruit to the Court of the Bank of England, has a great instinct for what is right and simple in tax systems. With a TRA anyone could save up to £2,500 a year, where it would either garner interest or it would be invested in securities on the saver's behalf. The money would have to remain invested until the age of 60 when it could be withdrawn without any tax liability at all. Professor King has estimated that private savings through such a scheme would be £5 billion at a cost to the Treasury of £160 million.

The Chancellor has shown little enthusiasm so far. Perhaps the Prime Minister has had a word with him. I hope so. TRAs or something like them would make a compelling centrepiece, raise the party spirit, and address the

Tozer makes agreed bid | UK groups | RMC cuts Dredging stake for Lada cars importer

By Jeremy Andrews

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, the car dealer in which Sir Ron lion in cash for Western acceptances for 28.4 per cent Motor Holdings, the importer of the equity. of Soviet Lada cars.

Despite Western's warning 93p to 768p on the news — nat the downturn in car sales more than 200p higher than that the downturn in car sales in the second half was more severe than expected, Mr Reg an offer began to circulate. Heath, TKM's chief executive, is philosophical about the timing of the bid. He said: "You've got to buy at some

TKM is offering 789p in cash, or loan notes, for each Western share, nearly three and a half times the price at which the present manage-

pany with institutional back- at 11 times earnings, coming in March, 1987. The bid is pared with TKM's current Brierley has a 74 per cent being recommended by Westholding, is offering £100 mil- em's board and TKM has

> on Wednesday before talk of Despite the slowdown, Wes-

tern's turnover rose by 21 per cent to £302 million in 1989 and its pre-tax profits were 23 per cent up at £12.4 million. However, it raised £12.5

million in a rights issue in April and fully diluted earnings per share were only 4 per cent higher at 70.7p in 1989. ment bought in to the com- Although the offer is pitched

has no need to raise further

Mannesmann will pick up

stock in the market as the

opportunity arises, and TI's

shares rose by 10p to 460p on

In view of the good co-

operation between the two

companies since their strategic

alliance was formed. TI's

the news.

multiple of 8, Mr Heath does not expect any earnings dilution. The overheads of being a public company, which he put at £1 million a year, would be Western's shares jumped saved.

> TKM is offering cash because its rating was too low for its paper to be used in acquisitions.

One of Western's main attractions for TKM is its half share in the import concession for Proton cars, which are essentially Mitsubishi vehicles made in Malaysia. The merged group will derive two thirds of its profits from import concessions and only a third from car dealerships.

hit by fall in Japanese warrants

By Neil Bennett

British institutions have lost up to \$60 million in Japanese equity warrant trading since the start of the year, according to market estimates, due to the 16 per cent fall in the Nikkei

Prices of Japanese equity warrants, one of the most profitable securities to trade in last year, have lost an average 35 per cent of their value since December while demand from institutions has dried up.

This has left the six British houses which make a market in them, Baring Securities, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Robert Fleming, Kleinwort Benson, Warburg Securities and Cresvale, with estimated losses on their trading books of up to \$5 million in January and possibly more in February. Dealers reported that one house lost \$8 million in the last week of February alone_

Japanese equity warrants provide the right to buy shares in a company at a fixed price. They are issued with bonds but immediately traded separately, with their prices ex-pressed as a percentage of \$5,000.

The market has grown exponentially since its founda-tion in 1984 and is today worth \$57 billion. Since December, however, the average warrant price has fallen from 37 per cent to 24 per cent, and new issue activity has declined dramatically. Last year the market offered almost guaranteed profits for the institutions.

The new issue market was also booming, as warrants consistently traded at a premium to their 17 per cent issue price. While the Japanese securities houses led most issues, the Gaijin, or foreign institutions, were allowed to co-manage them. London is the global centre for all 13 Japanese warrant mar-

It is illegal to hold a short position in Japan, making it almost impossible for a warrant market maker to hedge against a sharp price fall.

Losses will inevitably hit merchant banking profits this year. Profits on equity warrant trading were a major factor in the 154 per cent pre-tax profit rise to £65.9 million Barings reported for 1989 on Monday.

By Colin Campbell

long been thought to be about by the company at 130p. to make a bid for British Dredging, is instead to reduce its stake in the company.

The holding will be cut from 24.08 per cent to 8.9 per cent and RMC will offer 2.65 million of its 4.2 million shares on a one-for-five pro-rata basis to British Dredging shareholders at 135p each.

At the same time, RMC is to holders' approval.

buy a 46.75 per cent stake in the group's British Dredging Aggregates subsidiary for £3.6 transactions between the two. venture involving their respective sea-dredged aggregates businesses in the Bristol Chan-erty revaluation a net asset value of 158p (89.6p) a share as at December 31.

RMC Group - which had the market will be bought back has undertaken to back the proposals, which need share-

M&G Investment Management, controlling 19.6 per cent of BD, has also indicated its million which, after other acceptance. BD reports pretax profits of £4 million (£3.08 will give birth to a joint million), and following a prop-

The British Dredging shares nel area.

A final dividend of 4.4p which are not taken up by its shareholders and not sold in 28.9 per cent of BD's votes, shares traded at 140p.

Mannesmann to raise holding in TI Group

By Our City Staff

Mannesmann, the West Ger- blessed by TI's shareholders. man gas pipe and machinery However, it was not necessary manufacturer, is to raise its to repeat the exercise and TI stake in TI Group from 5 per cent to 9.9 per cent by buying cash. shares in the market.

Mannesmann made its initial investment last September, when TI issued £41 million worth of new shares to it at 525p, an 11 per cent premium to the then market

operations and is in line with its objective of increasing returns to strareholders. Earn-TI said that when Mannesmann first asked its agreement board had agreed to Mannesings from operations for the half year rose from \$82.7 million to \$98.9 million. to take a stake, both parties mann's request to raise its had wanted the move to be stake.

Tunnel group gives Seeboard £2m contract By Our City Staff

Transmanche-Link, the cons-

truction consortium building the Channel tunnel, has awarded a £2 million contract to Seeboard, the electricity distribution company awaiting privatization this autumn. to provide and install the distribution network that will power the Folkestone end of the tunnel.

Seeboard will work in conjunction with the international division of the Electricity Supply Board of



Final Results for 31st January 1990

- DIVIDEND Up 13%. Increased from 31p to 35p.
- CAPITAL Up 17%. Net asset value per stock unit £13.68. ■ TOTAL ASSETS Up 17%, £690 million, 50% UK, 30% US, 10%

Europe, 10% elsewhere.

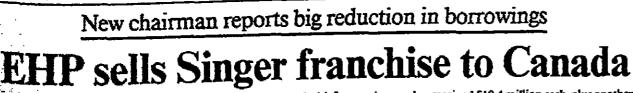
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By Melinda Wittstock

European Home Products, the Scholl Softwear and personal care business
Which was granted shareholders approval last December to sell us Singer should machine franchise, has now gone should with the £47 million deal.

It has sold its sewing and consumer detables businesses to International roun-registered manufacturer of com-Mis. consumer electronics and Singer white machines which is run by Hong

Kong Chinese.

Memational Semi-Tech already owns

memory machine manufacturing and distribution operalates outside Europe.

The disposal, which resulted in the resignation last month of Mr Doug Ash.

the chairman and chief executive, and Mr Leslie Dingle, the deputy chief £11.2 million by settlement of interexecutive, came as a result of worsening trading conditions in southern Europe and souring borrowings.

EHP was forced by its bankers to sell to pre-tax profits.

the Singer franchise as well as Ivarie, its Spanish business, and concessions in the Spanish Galerias department stores to avoid breach of a financial covenant governing the proportion of borrowings A syndicate of banks had advised it

that a refusal to go ahead with the disposal would mean re-negotiation of the terms of its bank facilities, which, EHP said, would have had serious consequences for the future of its business, including the ability to pay dividends. FHP, which has already

company debt, said the deal would strengthen its balance sheet. Mr Neil Franchino, the new chairman

and chief executive, said borrowings had been cut from £67 million to £23 million as International Semi-Tech had taken on £26 million of borrowings with the Singer franchises acquired in 12 European countries.

He said the Scholl business was having an "excellent year." A deferred consideration of £13 mil-

lion is payable six months after the completion of the deal, with another £4.4 million payable on the finalization of the net tangible assets of the sewing and consumer durables business as at the end

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 16 points to 2,711.12 in early trading. A surge in bond prices and buying linked to futures and options expirans combined to lift prices. Bonds were buoyed by a weaker-than-expected rise of 0.6 per cent in February's industrial production. Capacity

changed, as expected. Housing starts last month fell 7 per cent to 1.477 million.

 Johannesburg — The mar-ket ended mixed to firmer after Thursday's gains as the bull-ish sentiment, started by Wednesday's favourable bud-get, remained intact. The over-all share index advanced slightly to 3,339.

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The above figures are Thursday night's close.

STOCK MARKET

Amstrad shares rally on hopes of recovery

Sugar's consumer electronics group, staged a rally in the belief that its long-awaited recovery may be on the way.

Amstrad's fortunes have been in steep decline, beset by stock levels and the downturn in consumer spending. Pre-tax last year to £77 million and, according to analysts, the best it can expect this year is £40

James Capel, the broker, recently took a number of its clients on a visit to the group and was followed by Kleinwort Benson on Thursday. BZW will pay a visit next

Kleinwort took about 20 institutions to see Mr Sugar, who was in a confident mood. He plans to launch one product a month between next month and December, including an all-in-one "environ-mentally friendly" satellite dish which will have decoding 27.6 to 2,262.5 while the FT equipment. Kleinwort is still predicting

profits of £70 million for 1991 but expects this to rise to near £80 million before long, with Mr Sugar talking about an improvement in margins of 5

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firm note, helped by the recovery in sterling. But mar-ket-makers felt the squeeze Kleinwort is still forecasting profits of £55 million for the year just ended but has revised its estimate for the current year from £50 million to £40 with the appearance of a few buyers for selective stock at low levels. As they were unwilling to take fresh positmillion. It biames the downturn in the housing market ions ahead of Tuesday's Budget, they were forced to mark prices sharply higher. Turn-over remained low with 380

BTR, the industrial conglomerate, rose 18p to million shares traded by 4 pm. The FT-SE 100 index rose index of top 30 shares advanced 22.7 to 1,788.4

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& Milibourn, controlled by the New Zealand businessman Sir Ron Brierley. Tozer is offering 789p a share in cash. Western's share price started the week at 525p. Yesterday, it reported pre-tax profits up from £10 million to £12.4

million despite a sharp downturn in sales in the second half. Western was the subject of an abortive management buyout in the autumn.

BAT industries continued to benefit from proposals to float off its Argos retailing side and the management buyout of Saks Fifth Avenue with a rise of 19p to 824p. Shareholders are to receive one share in Argos for every five they already own in BAT. The deal is expected to value Argos at about £650 million.

Glaxo climbed 24p to 775p, still responding to this week's profits news. Some brokers have been urging clients to switch from SmithKline Beecham, which unveiled disappointing interim figures this week, and into Glaxo, or Fisons, up 4p at 331p. But Mr Ian Moore, a pharmaceutical analysts at UBS Phillips & down 4p at 488p, which he regards as having better

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

WORLD MARKETS

Sellers overwhelm buyers in Tokyo

index dipped 55.20 points, or Shares closed mixed in quiet 0.17 per cent, to 32,616.44.

Prices closed easier in modest dealings as selling overwhelmed periodic buying by investment trusts and other investors. Turnover was about 500 million shares against Thursday's 470 million.

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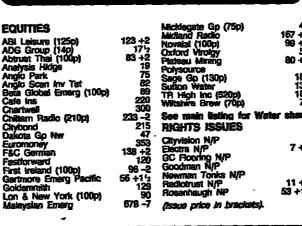
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Tokyo (Renter) - The Nikkei dex gained 10.33 to 1,889.69. trading as investors remained cautious ahead of the East German elections on Sunday. • Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index finished 11.8 higher at 1,584.5. Renewed interest in top industrial stocks and short-covering

Hong Kong index fell 4.25 to Times industrial index inched 1,897.09. Prices closed softer up 1.95 to 1,570.99. The in see-saw trading on a wide- market closed on a mixed note spread belief that interest rates on a reduced volume after selective buying alternated

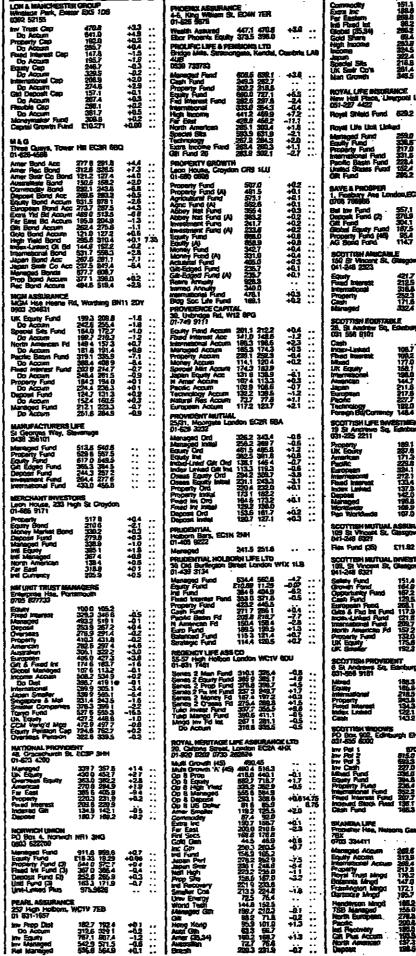
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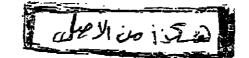
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Peckham joins the ranks of dead societies

The Peckham Building Society which specializes in offering a high return on small sums in instant access accounts is the latest to announce it is to be swallowed up by a larger society. If the merger with the Cheltenham & Gloncester goes ahead at the end of June and other mergers already announced proceed, the number of societies will fall below 100 (Lindsay Cook writes).

The pace of mergers has accelerated and this week Phillips & Drew, the broker, predicted that many more smaller societies will be looking for partners as a result of independent taxation. Money is already being withdrawn from societies which cannot pay interest gross and accounts with instant access are the most vulnerable.

With assets of £68 million, the Peckham will report disappointing results for 1989 later this month showing that its mortgage assets had fallen during 1989 and that profits had increased by just £10,000 during the year from £407,000 to £417,000. It had been badly hit by the collapse of the housing market in London and the South-east.

Mr Nigel Guest, chief executive of the four-branch society, said: "That's why we had to call it a day." He said the Peckham would have found difficulty meeting the new that we would not be able to do the things we wanted to and would have withered or died."

In common with other small societies the Peckham had been barred from offering fixed-rate mortgages, which have been a popular feature of the slower mortgage market as higher interest rates have

The Peckham, like other societies. have found there is little demand for standard variable-rate mortgages. It has therefore developed loans "for people who have clearly got other debts or had repayment difficulties

Freshstart mortgages cost 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent more than the standard rate, which meant it was to some extent a lender of last resort taking on loans that other institutions would not. Recently it had introduced deferred interest loans.

The Building Societies Commission has expressed concern about the number of low-start, deferred interest and riskier loans being offered by societies. Mr Guest said that only a small number of their loans involved deferred interest.

He said Golden Harvest, the society's other main mortgage prodact. had been hit by the housing

capital adequacy requirements for in the past,"said Mr Guest. The market. A home income plan, it societies. This would have meant Freshstart mortgages cost 1 per cent relies on house values increasing.

Investors with the society will receive an 0.75 per cent bonus when the merger takes places and their savings will be transferred to the C&G Gold or postal account.

The Peckham is fortunate that it had something the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society wants — a branch in Redhill, Surrey. A spokesman for C&G said it had been trying to obtain a branch there for some time and plans to expand by 10 or 11 branches within the M25 this year. She added:"We are aware of their arrears situation and feel the position is recoverable."

SIB set to act over warrants

The Securities and Investments Board is expected to call for tighter restrictions on advertising of warrant funds on Monday, after a review of the regulation of such funds and other investments in Britain (Jon Ashworth writes).

The move, which follows widespread advertising of Japanese equity warrant funds in particular, may lead to the introduction of additional risk warnings stressing volatility.

Concern over the high gearing of warrants, along with other investments like futures and traded options, has encouraged regulators to restrict investment by British funds.

The debate over risk warnings on warrant funds was sparked again this week, after advertising by Nomura International of a new \$100 million warrant fund.

An advertisement in several daily newspapers promised investors "More of the re-wards" for "Less of the risks." It went on in smaller print: "Following the recent adverse movements in Japanese Warrants market, certain investors believe that this period may prove to be a rare investment opportunity. Others, however, are understandably reluctant to enter a market which, due to its highly-geared nature, is also highly risky.

"To enable these investors to participate in the potential rewards, this Nomura Fund has been established with a commitment to reducing the risk of warrant investment." A spokesman for Nomura said the fund is intended for institutions rather than private individuals. It had been decided to advertise in the national press to help promote Nomura's name in Britain.

But a source close to the company admitted that the advertisement had been prepared by a new advertising agency which had little experience of City regulations. It is unlikely that the agency will

Bank steps in over gross account move

Bristol broker to pay interest gross was withdrawn yes-terday after intervention from the Bank of England and the Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association.

It was feared that there would be a series of such accounts launched by investloophole in the Banking Act. This could have opened the

way to a series of unofficial banks being set up by firms authorized under the Financial Services Act to win deposits from banks and building societies which are barred from paying interest gross. Whitechurch Securities

launched the 350 Account paying 15.1 per cent in preparation for independent taxation, which will create millions more non-taxpayers who will want to earn interest without tax being deducted and may fear putting their savings offshore. The account consulted Fimbra, his regu- Isle of Man accounts.

Banking Act which allows brokers, financial advisers, accountants and solicitors to receive gross interest on behalf Financial Intermediaries of their clients and pass on the full amount. It is intended for holding money between in-

Under the Banking Act an ment salesmen to get round a account where the prime purpose is to hold cash must be licensed by the Bank of England. It is up to a financial firm's regulator under the Financial Services Act to decide whether accounts op-erated by brokers fall within the exemption and can therefore pay interest gross.

for less than a year.

Any firm taking deposits without the agreement of its regulator would be in breach of the Banking Act.

Mr Kean Seager, managing director of Whitechurch, said that before he launched the account, which had attracted £300,000 in three weeks, he

An account launched by a relied on an exemption to the lator, and was told in January that he could go ahead.

After receiving a letter from the Bank on Thursday saying it regarded his account as a "deposit-taking exercise," he consulted Fimbra again and was told the account did not vestments and must invested after all meet the exemption test under the Banking Act. Fimbra was unwilling to comment on the matter.

Mr Seager said:"If they had voiced concern in January I would not have gone ahead. I am sure we could fight our corner in a court of law but it is obvious the authorities are less than happy with this loophole so I have decided not to go ahead. I understand they are concerned that less reputable companies could exploit this new account and in the wake of Garston Amhurst who can blame them?"

Investors will be told of its closure and advised to invest in the Bradford & Bingley Building Society's gross-paid



Called to account: shareholders question Peter Thornton, Lockton's chairman, and his board

Lockton liquidation likely

By Jon Ashworth and Philip Pangalos

Angry shareholders in Lock- that Lockton Shops may have Expansion Scheme in 1987. It heated meeting in London 50 per cent of their net assets calls for the formation of a first three years of trading. If Peter Dunn, the receiver, who was not present.

It was the second meeting of shareholders in less than a week, after the decision to call Mr Dunn hopes to recover up to £2.5 million from the sale of assets, including a £1.1 million property in Brentwood, Essex. The company is expected to be placed in voluntary liquidation in the next two weeks.

fall away, leaving shareholders with the prospect of losing the tax relief on their investments. A BES specialist said this

week it was unlikely the limit in the receivers on March 8. had been breached. Land and property is valued at cost when purchased, and any rise in value later will not nec-

essarily breach requirements. Lockton Shops raised more than £9 million from 1,400 investors when it was Shareholders are worried launched under the Business

ton Shops, the hi-fi and video breached BES regulations by traded under the names Wires retailer which went into rec-eivership last week, sought a erty. BES companies are not pete with chains like Dixons full discussion of its affairs at a allowed to invest more than and Lasky's, but has seen the value of stock and property yesterday. There were also in land or property during the plunge since then. It is thought to have been losing up to committee to liaise with Mr they do, the BES status may £5,000 a day in recent months. Guinness Mahon, which

sponsored Lockton Shops and advised on property purchases, has been heavily criticized for its role in the affair. Mr Patrick Moorsom, Guinness Mahon's vice-chairman, blamed Lockton's troubles on "horrendous" trading conditions.

He said he had been fully aware of the problems at Lockton Shops, but Guinness Mahon was not responsible.



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branches of National West-minster Bank, which allow customers to bay and sell shares instantly are to be opened to all investors (writes Lindsay Cook).

The system currently only allows customers of the bank to deal in 250 alpha and beta shares and to instantly receive a contract note will be extended to outsiders later this year, Mr Neil Stapley, the managing director of Natwest stockbrokers, said this week.

The screens have been extended to allcomers for privatizations and the Abbey National flotation last summer but they are currently averaging just 1.5 deals a day per

NatWest, which is sponsor-

ing the CBI wider share ownership task force, is looking at ways of it can deepen extend the service to noncustomers. Then anyone who wants to sell will just have to take their share certificate to a in banking the returns on their branch with a touchscreen. If investments. Mr Stapley said they agree to deal at the price that when the bank checked

Thin trade: Neil Stapley, of NatWest Stockbrokers, checks a dealing screen with an assistant on the terminal, they will four months after the Abbey erable time. The minimum fee

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Guinness Mahon sells the DIY way

By Jon Ashworth

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The new scheme sets out to do this. But it only becomes worthwhile for people who can afford to pay at least £250 a month, or £15,000 as a hump sum, towards retirement. "We expect this to appeal to Howorth: stressing self-help or on leaving the scheme.

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> > The Guinness Mahon scheme allows investors to try out different providers from year to year without fear of costly penalties. There are no penalties on early retirement

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Poll tax to hit council pensions

By Barbara Ellis A new yearbook has spotlighted a little-known area of local authority finance shortly

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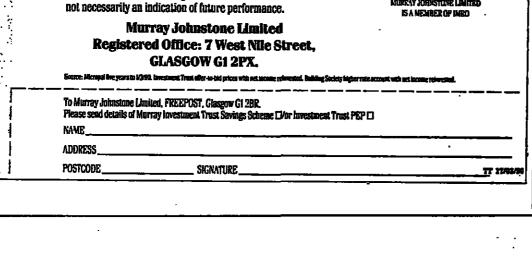
A survey of the 96 local
authority funds by Pension &
Investment Research Consultants found councillors illequipped to make investment decisions and often leave the task to professional advisers.

The same few City names advise on or manage money for councils as far apart as Conservative Bexley and Labour Islington.

Performance is about to become much more important to these funds.

The Government does not want authorities to pay for mandatory pension increases in line with inflation out of the poll tax as they did out of the rates, but to fund them from investment income. At the same time it wants funding requirements relaxed.

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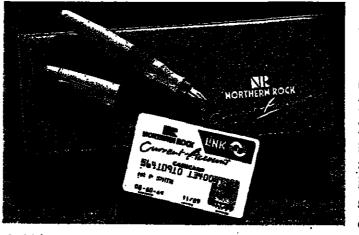
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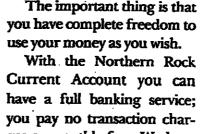
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FAMILY MONEY

Dawn of independence

Barbara Ellis says the idea of cutting tax bills by moving

savings offshore has both benefits

and a few pitfalls

Tax avoidance is a favourite British sport, but public eagerness to benefit from next month's change to indepen-dent taxation has amazed the financial services world and the Inland Revenue.

Building Societies, however, are distraught because the change has highlighted an anomaly in the present system. They fear it will cost them up to one-third of their annual deposits unless they are allowed to pay interest gross to non-taxpayers.

In the last year, the Revenue has given away 8 million leaflets explaining the re-formed system of taxing mar-ried couples. But it can hardly address the real question on most people's minus. exploit the system safely. most people's minds: how to Independent taxation opens

up tax-saving opportunities because it gives each partner a separate personal allowance of £2,785 to set against their own income, plus a married coupic's allowance of £1,590 to the husband.

As thousands of women have realized, the £2,785 personal allowance will more than cover their income, so they will have no tax to pay. But if they invest less than £50,000 with a high street bank or building society, they will lose 22 per cent of their interest in composite rate tax which cannot be reclaimed.

Aversion to needless taxpaying has caused a stampede into offshore accounts, which pay interest gross, and onsocieties are likely to lose high-interest cheque accounts provide cash dispenser cards

most. Few can afford to set up subsidiaries in the Isle of Man (like the Bradford & Bingley, the Leeds or the Britannia) or in the Channel Islands (like the Abbey National) to compete with the high street banks already there.

The islands do not welcome small savers, and, behind the scenes, the Bank of England and Revenue give stern warnings against promoting offshore accounts in Britain, despite the 11-year freedom from exchange controls.

Many women are wary of offshore investment, with good reason. Britain's investor

The Bank and Revenue give stern warnings against promoting offshore accounts in Britain

protection laws and compensation fund do not stretch to the offshore islands. However, British banks with subsidiaries established there have all given informal undertakings to see these companies through any trouble.

usable onshore. Lloyds pays 12 per cent on sums of more than £5,000 and has no minimum cheque limit. Midland pays 12.78 per cent on £10,000 to £50,000 and has a minimum cheque limit of £100, while the Royal Bank of Scotland pays 12.47 per cent on more than £2,500 and £13.55 per cent on more than

Robert Fleming's Manx high-interest bank account, currently paying 13.25 per cent gross, provides a cheque book for deposits of £2,500 and above and has no cheque limit. But offshore rates of up to 14.48 per cent are available on accounts with seven-day notice periods.

£10,000 with no cheque limit.

At that level, a woman could have just over £19,200 in an account to produce £2,785. However, tax savings can be eroded by probate cosis if an offshore account holder dies. On Jersey, money is not released from a single-name account without local probate, which can cost about £300.

Onshore unit trusts quote following tax year, though their yield gross but pay it net small claims can be submitted shore unit trusts, which de-duct reclaimable tax. Building Bank of Scotland's offshore are about 14.9 per cent, but tax

savings can be wiped out by

charges. For example, a

woman would be saving about

£610 in tax by moving £18,690

from a building society to a

cash unit trust, but a 5 per cent

front-end charge plus a 0.5 per

cent management fee would cost her £1,027. Fidelity,

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retail societies can pay interest gross onshore. Gateshead's present rate is 15 per cent.

A couple acting together can egitimately shuffle ownership income-producing assets etween them so as to make full use of these allowances.

be happy to charge £25 a time for transferring shares be-tween husband and wife, a couple can make their own transfer for about 60p - 40p for a stock transfer form available from law stationers and 20p postage to the registrar of the company con-

per cent tax could save about £4,220 by transferring shares to his wife if she had no other income. But he would need to hand over shares paying total dividends of nearly £23,500.

abridged tax return with details of income and allowances. The Revenue will only pay out during the same tax year as the dividend is paid if the total tax due back is more than £50. Claims for smaller amounts have to be made in the together to get past the £50 the return of unconditional minimum. According the the gifts in the event of a divorce.

come through "within a few

But how quickly the Revenue will be able to handle a greatly increased flow of claims is an open question. A Revenue spokesman said that while independent taxation is expected to need 2,000 extra work units" in its first three years, the additional work had so far been done by existing staff on overtime. Any future gaps will probably be filled by staff displaced as the Revenue

If offshore forays of form filling do not appeal, there is always the Gateshead Co-op, which like other co-operative

Though some brokers will

At most, a man paying 40

The main snag with such transfers is that they must be absolute and unconditional. Trying to give a partner just the dividends while keeping control of the shares would result in a higher tax bill, as the Revenue would treat the money as belonging to the giver. Also it would be extremely difficult to argue for

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In this round, savings rates might well be expected to go anteed to ride at least a certain up by around 0.75 percentage oints. But many have gone up much less.

Worst hit have been card structure besed ecounts bus which in many cases have mium accounts by much eiincreased only slightly or - ther. Nationwide Anglia, for like Norwich & Peterbor- example, has increased its

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per cent to 12 per cent. As it Smaller savers, too, take a carries a 5 per cent premium, knock. Lower bands of need the ordinary share rate could interest" accounts also have not be increased more than increased by less than 0.75 per half a point, to 7 per cent.

Rather than apply a flat which are quoted before tax ordinary share accounts have increase across the board, societies have concentrated their fire power on specific Ordinary share rates can accounts, and even tiers of have an effect on larger savers, accounts. too. The rates on many high

Some have received ininterest accounts are guarcreases of one per cent or more - but many of those selected amount over the society's for this treatment were paying low rates anyway. Keep the ordinary share rate down, and you do not have to

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Portsmouth's Capital Account has increased by 1 per cent, and Melton Mowbray's Melton Bond by a massive 1.55 per cent, to the top

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Yorkshire Bank has in-Greated rates on all its savings accounts, but has also raised the level of charges for investors who fall into the red. Cashmaster, the instant-access savings account, pays net interest of 7.25 per cent on balances of £500 or more. The quarterly charge on Paymaster, the current account, has been raised from £3 to £4 on balances below £100.

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The first credit card in Britain to take a local community to heart was launched this week by Bank of Credit and Commerce International. The Velsh Card, part of the MasterCard network, will dodoes not roll up interest has nate funds to the Clwyd Community Chest each time a and Peterborough building purchase is made. It charges interest at 22.4 per cent with a fo annual fee, or 25.3 per cent with no ice. BCCI has issued

Manhattan Visa cardholders will be able to month keeping costs down in draw money from Midland Bank cash machines following a tink-up between the two banks. Similar links with Barcleys and the Bank of

14 affinity cards in England on behalf of charities and other

Scotland mean cardholders have access to over 4,000 machines in Britain. There is a 1.5 per cent handling charge for cash advances. Finding a way through the

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keep an average of £500 in their accounts will not have to pay any charges, even if they are occasionally overdrawn. The arrangement only applies to current-account customers and not to Keyway, Girobank's interest-bearing account. The bank has also launched a three-year fixed rate mortgage at a guaranteed interest rate of 13.75 per cent. It is open to loans of £20,000 or more, and has an arrangement fee of £100. A private medical inBy Barbara Ellis

French banks are expecting de Paris' plaintive opening to a 100,000 Britons to buy second list of "do's and don'ts" which Omes in France over the next also runs to "Do not expect it feer years and a dozen are already scrapping with the likes of Abbey National, Barciays and Midland banks for the mortgage business this

igration will involve. This week two more joined the fray, launching packages of loans and advice, some of it take at least £650 worth of ogly aimed at fairly low-

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which passes property direct 1.35 per cent above in sub-to children instead of to a sequent years. to be just like it is at home." there is no French will. BNP's package provides for

tween English and French advice from accountants Moore Stephens, but this is homebuying are usefully outlined by Capital Home Loans, Générale and Credit Foncier.

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covered will range from 65 per franc/sterling switching facility and is linked to an endowcent if the mortage is in francs and uses the repayment

> of loan with terms of between two and 25 years. Three are effectively UK second mortgages, repayable via endow

which can be either in sterling

BNP will also lend in France on French property. either at a variable rate currently 9.95 per cent or a fixed rate of 11.7 per cent. These are both repayment mortgages and the fixed-rate loan covers only 60 per cent of the Chez nous . . . but take advice before buying that dream French cottage say French banks Fr700,000 (£83,000).

M Pierre Gervasi, the depgeneral manager, explained that unlike most other lenders, CHL would be offering loans arranged and administered in Britain, but secured on French property, instead of

cent, if the loan carries a ment or a pension, to 85 per

BNP is marketing five types

Jon Ashworth looks at some of the schemes chasing £400m

BES issues poised for take-off at the airport

ness Expansion Schemes on offer, with Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted the focus of a season which has seen many issues chasing little money.

Taken together, BES issues are seeking more than £400 million in funds. Only £70 million has been raised so far. and the chances of raising more than £100 million before the end of the financial year look increasingly slim.

It has become traditional for investors to leave their money in the bank until the last minute, and high interest rates make a late rush even more likely this year. Mr John Spiers, editor of

BESt Investment, said subscriptions were 75 per cent down on last year. "I still get the feeling that people are holding back until the end, but it seems unlikely that more than another £100 million will be raised before the season Mr Spiers said weak eco-

nomic conditions had made investors more cautious. The winners so far include

Airways Homes, whose chief

executive is Mr Simon Tattersfield, and First Stansted Assured Properties, which plan to buy properties near London's three main airports. Airways II, investing near Heathrow, was over-subscribed by £1.25 million when it closed this month.

Airways III has turned its

attention to Gatwick, where a similar demand for property is Analysts say the Gatwick

region may have more potential than Heathrow, and expect a good response. First Stansted, sponsored by Chancery, took in just under £2 million in December, and has launched a new offer to take it up to the £5 million allowable under assured tenancies. Stansted Airport is in the

middle of an expansion programme which is expected to create more than 9,000 jobs by 1995. The number of people working in the area is expected to rise fivefold, fuelling the demand for new housing. Also doing well is Artesian

II, the unsponsored company raising funds to develop property in London. It has raised nearly £3 million — putting it about 35 per cent ahead of last year's issue. Even Biggin Hill airport is

making an appearance this year, thanks to a company which wants to set up a helicopter charter service. But Mr Peter Robson, who is both chairman and managing director of Nationwide Helicopters, admits he knows more about property than flying.

Nationwide wants to buy at least one helicopter and use it for sightseeing, travel and aerial surveys. It hopes to pay £270,000 for a second-hand Bell Jetranger. The maximum that can be raised is £500,000, leaving little margin for error once launch and running costs have been taken off.

Mr Robson said the company could function "quite satisfactorily" with as little as £300,000 and £100,000 had been pledged so far. The issue closes on April 7. Another issue, Cask & Tun

Inns which wants to redevelop public houses, is predicting pre-tax profits of more than £1 million after just three years' trading - something analysts regard as highly optimistic.

Mr Ian Bayliss, the finance director, said the company was able to predict a high level of profits because of low



Winner: Simon Tattersfield running costs. If anything, the projections erred on the side of caution. "We have tried not forecasts and have taken a realistic view. Our auditors have checked our estimates."

Neill Clerk, the Scottish solicitors, who are also behind one of the season's more colourful entrants. Dairy Harvest wants to raise £250,000 to buy a bere of Friesian cows and a crop of potatoes, and pay a farmer to look after them. The farmer, Mr Neil David

son, of Aberdeenshire, has the option to buy back the herd, crop and equipment after five years. The sponsors stress that milk and potatoes are an essential part of many diets.

Most of the issues are due to close by April 5, to coincide with the end of the tax year.

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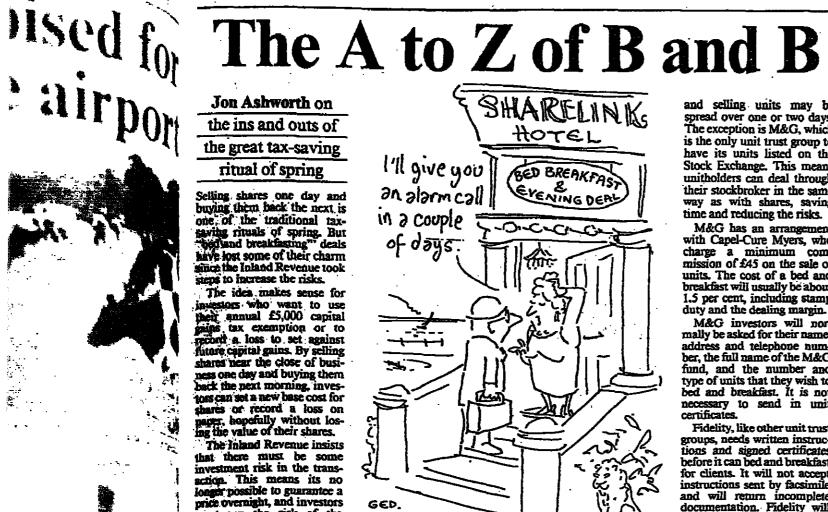
Seiling shares one day and buying them back the next is one of the traditional tax-saving rituals of spring. But bed and breakfasting deals have lost some of their charm since the Inland Revenue took ens to increase the risks.

The idea makes sense for investors who want to use their annual £5,000 capital gains tax exemption or to proud a loss to set against futore capital gains. By selling shares near the close of business one day and buying them back the next morning, investoss can set a new base cost for shares or record a loss on paper, hopefully without los-ing the value of their shares.

The Inland Revenue insists the imano kevenue insists that there must be some investment risk in the transaction. This means its no longer possible to guarantee a price overnight, and investors must run the risk of the market moving against them. Sharelink has special terms

for oustomers wishing to bed and breakfast A minimum ission of £17.50 is charged on sale, with only stamp duy to pay on ree. There is a flat fee of Stan deals involving £8,000

Mr David Jones, the chief executive, said demand for the service had been picking up. "The difficulty now is that the



"A couple of years ago, a client recommending clients to sell could buy back shares the next morning knowing the price was set. Today, there is the risk that prices will move overnight.

Torrie & Co, the Edinburgh stockbroker, makes a charge when shares are sold, but only charges stamp duty on the repurchase. Commission stands at 1.8 per cent, with a

their shares and buy them back as part of a personal

This way, they can record a gain or a loss for tax purposes while ensuring tax-free growth in the future. The danger is that a few days could go by while shares are sold and repurchased, increasing the risk of price changes.

and seiling units may be spread over one or two days. The exception is M&G, which is the only unit trust group to have its units listed on the Stock Exchange. This means unitholders can deal through their stockbroker in the same time and reducing the risks.

M&G has an arrangement with Capel-Cure Myers, who charge a minimum commission of £45 on the sale of units. The cost of a bed and breakfast will usually be about 1.5 per cent, including stamp duty and the dealing margin.

M&G investors will normally be asked for their name, address and telephone number, the full name of the M&G fund, and the number and type of units that they wish to bed and breakfast. It is not necessary to send in unit

Fidelity, like other unit trust groups, needs written instructions and signed certificates before it can bed and breakfast for clients. It will not accept instructions sent by facsimile and will return incomplete documentation. Fidelity will not bed and breakfast after March 30.

Save & Prosper warned it could take two dealing days to complete the transaction. It sells the units back to clients at a discount of up to 4.5 per cent off the normal 6 per cent bid/offer spread.

Mr Keith Civval, a director of Save & Prosper Securities, said the element of risk was always there. "In the present volatile market, prices could move 2 per cent quite easily

Unit trust investors are in a overnight. That's part of the repurchase price cannot be minimum of £24. Mr John pre-arranged," said Mr Jones. Torrie, the senior partner, is similar position, since buying risk you take."

SIB has teeth but not much of a bite By Lindsay Cook

A guide to complaining published this week by the Securities and Investments Board for the customers of the 89 firms directly regulated by the board reveals e of the shortcomings of self-

Even if the board feels that a complainant is justified, it appears to have little muscle. It says: "If SIB agrees that there is substance in your complaint, it will try to help you to achieve a satisfactory resolution and may comment on whether or not any offer of redress de by the firm seems to be reasonable

However, complainants will not be told shather any disciplinary action is to be taken against a firm see a record and the second sec

at of a SIB investigation have two months to apply for their complaint to be referred to an independent panel. It will then be passed on only if the board's



complaints committee considers this to

be appropriate. After the inquiry is completed a report will be sent to the complainant, the firm and SIB. The booklet says: "Although the content of the report will not be enforceable in the courts, it may be taken into account by SIB in its regulation of the firm concerned. Refusal to comply with recommendations made in reports lead to consideration by SLB as to whether any disciplinary measures

should be taken against the firm." The independent investigator can act

But the merits of the case alone will not bring about such a decision. "It may be that the independent investigator con-cerned may feel that it would be inappropriate for him to act as arbitrator, in view of his previous attempts to bring about a conciliated settlement."

The guide contains a form to save complainants detailing their grievances about banks and building societies in a letter. Customers are told they must first complain to the most senior manager of the firm concerned if they are not happy

with the way they have been treated Firms must have a proper complaints procedure. Only then can dissatisfied clients complain to the SIB. Those in doubt about how to go ahead can telephone the complaints unit of the board on 01 283 2474.

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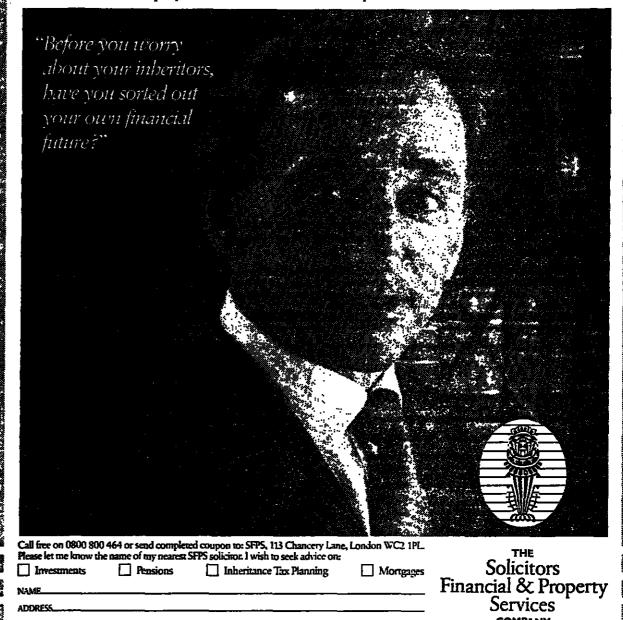
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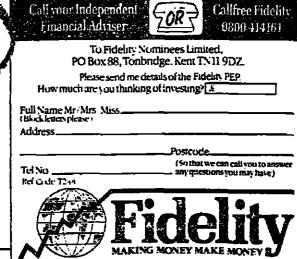
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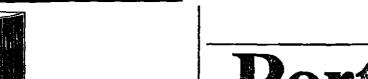
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Portable path blocked

Janet Walford looks at the problem of

leaving a group pension plan and

trying to keep

a personal scheme Personal pensions are sup-posed to be portable. That was one of the primary aims of Sir Norman Fowler when, as Social Security Secretary, he introduced them in July 1988. Although the law governing personal pensions has changed several times since, the principal of portability has

However, some employees are finding that moving a pension from job to job or from employment to selfemployment can prove difficult and costly.

The biggest providers of administration problems, personal pensions are in- are nevertheless, serious. surance companies. Between them they have sold an estimated 4 million personal pen- has computers which have no sions since they were automatic system for switchlaunched. So successful have they been that some of the insurance companies have become victims of their own on their own.

A problem which has recently come to light involves employees leaving group pertheir personal pension plans

Matter of principle: Sir Norman Fowler, who first introduced the idea of portable pe

personal pension plan. Al-though these cause only personal Under Standard Life's personal pension scheme the administration problems, they contract says that if contributions are stopped within the Standard Life, one of the first two years, it will lapse without any value. Since perbiggest operators in this field. sonal pensions have been available for only 18 months, ing a member from a group they will all fall into this category.
Standard Life has agreed to scheme to making the per-

sonal pension schemes but

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sonal pension contributions make concessions in these cases. According to the con-As a result, employees leaving a group scheme have had tract details, the policyholder should pay all the back pre-miums due when Standard to suspend contributions to

Life solves the problem. Stanuntil the company can sort out dard Life will invest these missed premiums at the unit price ruling on the due date, regardless of the time at which

they are collected. If the policyholder does not pay the lump sum when it is making a special concession and will not lapse policies, which would mean contributions from both employer and employee would be lost. Instead, it will remain in force with a gap in its contribution

Other companies have

faced similar problems and have offered to issue a new ployee leaving a group

acheme.
Although this appears an ideal solution, it may not be.
One of the benefits of a personal pension is that part of the proceeds can be taken as a tax-free cash lump sum. Any policy taken out before July 1989 was able to calculate this sum as 25 per cent of the total fund built up, including that built up from Government

handouts. Since July 1989, Government money can no longer be used in the calculation. Anyone taking out a policy after July would be caught by the new rules. This means that any policy issued in substitute for another may be caught.

The difference in the cash hump sum can be considerable - reducing it by anything up to half.

If you are one of those affected, be wary of opting for a substitute policy or you might lose cash benefits. Continue to save the contributions until the insurance company is able to collect them, otherwise you might find that all the money paid in by yourself and your former employer is lost forever. The author is editor of Money

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Revenue shines on Jersey's tax-free funds

new set of rules which allow hump-sum pensions to be drawn tax-free by anyone working abroad. But British nationals who return home: have yet to learn whether they will be able to bring the cash with them tax-free.

The rules, approved in January, allow fereigners or expatriates living outside Britain, the Channel Islands or Isle of Man to save for

sion restrictions. In sharp contrast to British reles, berefits can be taken as 100 per cent cash at any age between 20 and 75 without dection of British or Jersey can only pay out up to 25 per from the age of 50.

Nerwich Union and Clerical ledical have launched plans, while Royal Life, Pred and General Accident are previous plans, the Jersey or elsewhere. pensions allow investment in Whether the the first time, alongside tra-ditional unit-linked funds.

"This is by far the most go in charges, leaving only 70 significant development," said Mr Murray Montgomery, a director of Shepherd & Co, a large to how much is invested Jersey broker. "The with-

Millions of pounds are likely profits 'option leads to pour into Jersey due to a stability to investors."

three years to come into force. "The timing has come out of the bine, and opens up a whole new vista for expatria foreign nationals

Norwich Union, which launched its Jersey warning that it is still not clear Britain will have to pay capital

look at the situation. "It quite a recent develope he said. Benefits taken as instalments are liable to be taxed in the investor's country likely to follow soon, Unlike of residence, whether Britain

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No news really is no Framlington Peps close with little news as Indosuez acquires Gartmore

Barbara Ellis on the sound of silence around the purchase of fund manager

It is more than a week since Banque Indosuez bought the Gartmore fund management group. But at least another month will go by before Garmore's 100,000 unit trust holders hear of this direct from the group.

Even then, they will not receive separate notice of the £140 million deal, news of which is to be incorporated in a unitholder massazine

Gartmore is not dragging its feet. Unit trust managers are under no obligation to tell unitholders anything at all about changes of ownership or management policy which may affect them significantly.

And although takeover bids are partly calculated on funds under management or unitholder money, none of the cash inducements on offer actually go to unitholders, who are less fortunate than building society ers in this respect.
"We would like to produce document

quite a precise document other unit trusts to create rather than just a letter about economies of scale. the takeover," said Mr Peter Pearson Lund, the managing director of Gartmore Fund Managers, explaining that the to know, I should have magazine currently in the to know, I should have planning would also contain thought, is that there will be no change of management and no change of management and uity plans and unit trust continuous growth," he said.

> "It will say that the takeover will have no effect on the management of their units, or if anything it will enhance it,"

> However, there will be no reference to plans for Gartmore to buy other groups, though executives of both Indosuez and Gartmore have said publicly that this is the

> Mr Bernard Simon-Barboux, executive vice president of Indosuez, has gone on record with an estimate that



Gartmore's administrative ca-

pacity is 50 per cent unused

and has forecast takeovers of

Mr Pearson Lund said it

was too early to give news of

development plans: "What

Silent corridors: Gartmore's HQ in Monument Street, London

If Banque Indosuez had

succeeded in buying Morgan Grenfell last November, that

group's 13,000 unitholders

could have been as slowly and

as partially informed as Gart-

As it was, Deutsche Bank

was the buyer and Mr Tony

Fraher sent out letters to all

unitholders to arrive on the

day the announcement broke

direct effect on them, except

being made part of a larger

group with access to wider

expertise," said Mr Fraher, Unitholders have entrusted

you with their money and you

owe them a bit - if you don't

keep them informed they may not stay with you very long."

Mr Richard Eats of GT

Management took a similar

view, writing to 50,000 on-

shore and 35,000 offshore

investors when Bank in

Leichtenstein took over GT

As a public company, GT was unable to inform unit-

holders in advance of share-

"We thought they would like to know," he said, "Heav-

ens, we are looking after their

But Thornton Investment

felt under no obligation to tell

its 18,000 unitholders of the

takeover by Dresdner Bank in

enough in the press to let them know," said Ms Thomasina

Banks, the marketing man-

'Hopefully there was

However, she added that

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Thornton had run a number

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Pearson Lund: no effect years has shown that unit trust takeovers often lead to mergers between similar funds within an enlarged group, generally with higher charges for investors as the result.

If funds are considered too mall or too specialized to be profitable for the managers, they can be put into liquidation without any prior warning to unitholders, as happened in 1988 with Dumenil's closure of its Smaller European Companies Growth and Income and

All unit trust managers involved in takeovers view unitholders as valuable assets, but they disagree on how best THE THE PERSON TO LANG OR TO THEM.



Investors may opt to trans-

fer their investments free of

charge into any of the group's

four UK funds. Miss Mo-

Meehan said Framlington had received requests for 3,000 transfers, while 500 plan-holders had chosen to sell now

instead of waiting until April

The letter to investors

sponse by March 30, stating:

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was made of the right of Pep

investors to transfer their

Miss McMeehan said it had

been hoped to amaigamate the

two Peps, but this had not

been possible.

funds to another manager.

"Your investment will

able consequences for you:

The 11,800 holders of Fram-lington unit trust personal bican Centre in London. lington unit trust personal equity plans taken out in 1987 and 1988 have been told by the investment group that the peps are being closed down on April 4 and that they can do nothing about it.

If they fail to do anything about the group's proposals by March 30 their investment will be returned to them early next month and will lose the tax shelter benefits of a personal equity plan.

Because of the way the plans the first unit trust-only Peps - were set up, there is only one unit holder. That is Framlington Investment Management, which has decided to close the plans. In the original trust deeds,

investors were told the plans could only be wound up when they were worth less than £4 million with the permission of an extraordinary meeting or if investors were given six months notice.

invest within the current financial year." No mention However, Miss Anne McMeehan, of Framlington, said the provisions contained in the trust deeds had been superceded by regulations controlling unit trust schemes under the Financial Services

She added: "Under the Act, unitholders have no power at all to approve or sanction the liquidation of a unit trust."

One of the investors annoyed at the unilateral action by Framlington said he invested because of the extra services promised to planholders in the form of detailed annual reports and annual meetings. These were now to be lost.

On Monday, investors in Framlington 87 and 88 Peps will get the chance to express their views at the plans' McMeehan: 3,000 transfers



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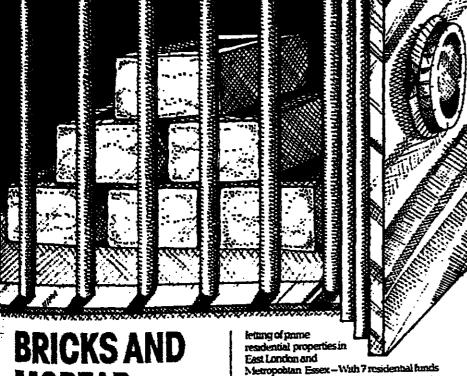
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FAMILY MONEY

Early advice is the key to mortgage problems

Helen Pridham looks at options

for coping with

repayments

The official arrears figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders show that only a tiny fraction of homebuyers - 0.88 per cent — are six months or more behind with their pay-

But these statistics do not reveal the many thousands who are running up other bills mortgage repayments.

Many of these families need help now before they get behind with their mortgages. One example is the London couple who approached Famly Money, asking how they could reorganize their fi

The couple, who have four children, are paying a total of £1,243.54 a month to service a £65,000 first mortgage and £21,500 second mortgage. In recent months they have

run up a £3,000 bank overdraft and a £1,500 Access bill. The problem is that such a large part of our earnings goes on the mortgages that we haven't got much left besides for other bills" they said.

We have to pay for child care so that we can both go to work but even paying the child minder is becoming difficult. We feel we are in a vicious

circle and we don't know how we are going to manage when we have to make increased payments because of the latest mortgage increase."

They added: "We are seriously considering whether we should sell up and move into rented accommodation to get back on our feet again."

There are many other options that can be considered before it comes to that particu-

A list of 15 possibilities was



produced by Mr building society staff adopt a Philip Norman, the mortgage Building Society which has set up a free telephone help-line for its borrowers in diffi-

He stresses: "The earlier someone approaches us, the more options there are avail-

"If they wait until they are already several months in arrears, the choice is more limited.

"The main options include a temporary reduction in payments, a freeze on payments, extending the term of the mortgage, switching from an endowment to a repayment mortgage or a remortgage if there is sufficient equity in the property."

A remortgage is a way of putting several bills under one

Mr Norman explained: Remortgages can help to reduce the borrower's outgoings by clearing expensive second mortgages or short term credit such as bank overdrafts and credit card

"There is some resistance to "There is some resistance or remortgages by consumer groups who make the point able rate mortgages take that if payments aren't kept up advantage of other types of mortgages now available such the horrower's home is at

Mr Norman added: "But if he cannot afford to meet his mortgage payments because he is busy fending off other creditors who often tend to shout louder for their money the same problem arises."

his own firm of mortgage adviser, in Leeds, said: "Many

as fixed rate, deferred interest or stabilized rate mortgages.

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who has set up Miers Gargett, rate mortgage.

rather Victorian attitude to their borrowers on the lines of bank overdraft. - it's your fault you got into "But they would have to difficulties, so you must get

yourself out of them. He added: "Much of our business at the moment is remortgages for people in this sort of situation.

Mr lan Darby, marketing director of John Charcol, the London mortgage specialist. said that his company is doing mainly remortgage busi-

"We call it financial engineering. Through a re-mortgage, it is possible to help borrowers on ordinary vari

• Many building society staff adopt a rather Victorian attitude to their borrowers on the lines of — it's your fault: you got into

difficulties, so you must get yourself out of them 🥏

Also a larger mortgage may

"Many lenders charge 0.5 per cent to 1.5 per cent less for ask clients to cash in any

£60,000." But not all building societies Both Mr Gargett and Mr to take out further life in-are as flexible as the Ports- Darby recommend that the surance to cover any extra couple facing problems should

"This would reduce their

around £250 and mean they no longer had to worn about their credit card bill or

make sure they did not continue to spend or they would end up in the same position again in a few months time. Stabilizer mortgages offer

loans at a fixed rate of, for example, 12 per cent for the whole 25 years, so that the borrowers know exactly for what figure they have to

The underlying rate is variable - currently about 15.5 per cent - so, initially, interest is being deferred.

However, when rates go down, the deferred interest is repaid and if they stay down, capital is also paid

Mr Gerry O'Donnell, of Save & Invest, the Scottish adviser, pointed out that the couple could make even greater immediate savings by switching to a deferred in-

terest mortgage.

He said: "They could reduce their monthly outgoings this year to £890.15, but the payments would gradually increase over a five-year per-iod to £1,298.80. assuming interest rates stayed the

A remortgage is only possible usually if the current mortgage or mortgages come to less than 80 per cent of the property's market value.

No reputable adviser will existing endowments. though they may be required

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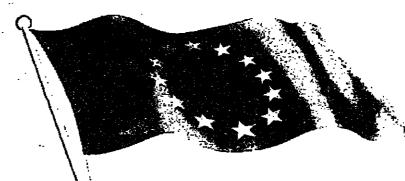
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FAMILY MONEY

Lindsay Cook gives a warning about homes suddenly left vacant

dding to bereavement grief

When Mrs Susan Smith's mother died in January this year she wrote to the insurance company which covcred the building and the contents of her mother's home in Darlington, Durham.

A week later she received a reply from Teachers Assurance offering "sincere condo-lences" on her bereavement and in the following sentence telling her that the policy was now endorsed.

This meant that when the house had been unoccupied for 30 days it would no longer be covered against theft, vandalism, damage from burst pipes or oil leaking from heating installations.

Mrs Smith, who lives a long way south of her mother's home in Stevenage, Hertfordshire, was so upset by the terseness of the letter and the action taken that she looked out the policy sales brochure. There was no mention in

the original brochure anywhere that the property would not be covered in these

"We had taken every precaution against theft. On company on January 17 and



the day of the funeral we removed all the valuables from the house and, as I pointed out to the insurance company, the house is under daily survelliance by a neighbour. The police have been informed and a light is switched on intermit-tently,"said Mrs Smith.

"My mother died on January 8, and I wrote to the the reply was dated January 24. The 30-day limit is just ridiculous. Nobody could dispose of a property in 30 days.

"The house is for sale by private arrangement and there is no for sale sign. Hopefully it will be sold by Easter but that is moving at great speed."

Mrs Smith considered A spokesman for the cancelling the policy but she was advised by her solicitor Association of British Insurers that no one else would take on

vandalism cover which is excluded after 30 days but damage from burst pipes. Some insurance companies ask the policyholders to leave the central heating system

"It is not usually theft and

switched on." "A lot more people are coming up against such endorsements because of the state of the property market. If they cannot sell their old

At Teachers Assurance, Mr T.C. Bowes, general manager operations, said:"The majority of insurance companies restrict cover if a property is unoccupied for a period longer the cover when the property than 30 days. was empty. "I feel other people should be warned if I bad not written to the com-pany I would not have known

"It is our experience that the risk of theft and malicious damage is significantly increased when a property is left unoccupied for more than four weeks. It is also our experience that this is sufficient time for the majority of people to make arrangements to remove valuables and have said it is usual for companies any special items of furniture to curtail policies after a stored for safe keeping."

Portfolio

For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price channel

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Sir, I have just exercised an option to buy 5,000 shares costing £2,500. They are worth f12,000. Having already used my £5,000 capital gains al-lowance this tax year, I must defer selling them until after

However, if I sell them in the 1990/91 tax year, half the £10,000 gain will be taxable.

Can I transfer 2,500 shares, after April 6, 10 my write who immediately makes a gain of £5,000 (£6,500 value less half £1,250 cost), then sell both lots of shares, thus also making a gain for myself of £5.000 but neither of us incurring capital gains tax biability?

From Mr S.P.J. Van Wyk

Sir, In reply to Mr Brian Whittingham's letter "Tax anomaly" (Family Money Sat-

itance tax for just such an

Briefly, shares sold within

12 months from date of death

may have their prices adjusted

As with any relief available

there are rules to be followed

be advised to take proper

As to his point about the

state being disadvantaged (God forbid!) on sales at more

than probate perhaps he has

forgotten about capital gains tax which although not pay-

con the "deemed disposal"

death is certainly payable states thereafter again sub-

thus Mr Whittingham would

to the sale value.

urday February 24) there is 71 Spurhill Avenue. relief available from inher- Lower Parkstone.

It is correct in prin-ciple that the transfer of a holding of shares from husband to wife is exempt from capital gains tax and that the subsequent disposal by the wife of those shares after April 5 1990, will result in the possible gain being assessed on her as a separate individual to your-self. On this footing, the results mentioned in your let-

ter should follow. However, to reduce the risk of any challenge by the Rev-enue under the anti-avoidance provision, I would recommend a reasonable interval between the transfer to your wife and her subsequent sale of them-This should be at least a month and if possible longer.

You may like to consider

ject to available exemptions shares were valued as at the

Simple answer to an inheritance tax problem

and reliefs.

Yours faithfully

Poole. Dorset.

S.P.J. VAN WYK,

Probate Manager.

From Mr P.W. Hooper

Sir. The simple - and appar-

answer to Mr Brian

Whittingham's problem is to

sell the shares. The Inland

Revenue will then accept the

sale prices as evidence of the

value of the shares in substitu-

tion for the previously as-

sessed values at the date of

death, and will re-imburse the

I assure you that this is the

case: my own mother died

shortly prior to October 1987. leaving a useful share port-

folio which she had in her turn been left by my late father; the

amount of inheritance tax

consequently overpaid.

ently all too little-known -

transferring the shares to your wife immediately (i.e. prior to March 20 rather than April 5), as this transfer will also be exempt from capital gains tax and will fall into a different tax year to the eventual disposal by her. This transfer will need to be reported in your income tax return to April 5 1990.

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date of her death (28/8/87),

and you can imagine the

position when the time came

for paying the inheritance tax

in early 1988. By selling all of

the shares at that point, my

brother and I were able to

recoup almost £25,000 in tax.

solicitor or my late parents'

accountant volunteered this

advice; amazingly neither pro-

fession appears to have this

course of action as readily in

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Yours faithfully,

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From Mr S. Bear Sir,I read Tony Hethering-ton's article of March 3 "ABI questions prize-linked sales." I too received a "winners ceraccount as I have not and I did Yours faithfully, not wish to inspect the plan as Mr S Bear,

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said Mrs Smith, a teacher as

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n my new farm there is that leans precariously away from the wind and creaks at every gust. There are rusty iron gutters along the edges of gaping roofs.

Inside the crumbling buildings,
wooden mangers are rubbed
smooth where greedy bovine
tongues once licked every ounce of corn from them. And in the soft redbrick walls are scratched the initials of the men who, a century ago, did what I am attempting to

I am going to be a farmer. Not a modern farmer. I am not going in for state-of-the-art agriculture. which demands maximum return at whatever expense to land, animal or planet. I am not even soing to be a reasonably mechanized organic farmer. I want to have the sort of farm of children's books, where chickens scratch at the foot of haystacks, pigs root in corners of fields (for whatever it is that pigs so carnestly root for) and where lambs frolic in meadows.

Stinking tractors won't get a look in either. I have bought three mighty carthorses, Suffolk Punthes, which will reap and sow. plough and mow; carthorses doing what they were bred for. And there I shall be, at the centre of it all, leaning over the five-bar gate dispensing dubious rural wisdom to passers-by. I hope it will be an Old MacDonald type of farm. But my farm will be no joke. I

know that many modern farmers will already be laughing their socks off at the thought that a smug ex-townie with his old horse can teach them anything about growing food. All I would say is that within the walls of my crumbling farm buildings lies a fossilized wisdom which is about to have its resurrection.

The farming clock has to be turned back to the days when farming made sense. Few people these days seem to like farmers very much, which is unhealthy. They feed us cheaply and plentifully and we ought to be able to trust them. But even during the 1989 "Food and Farming Year". in which they were supposed to boast of their achievements, all they could manage was to fuel suspicion as to their dubious Practice of feeding live animals with dead ones, some of them instanc.

Fifty years ago, farmers were seen as jolly chaps who ploughed the fields and scattered 'til all was Safely gathered in. No one sings

hymns of praise about farming these days. It's a dark subject.
I think I can throw some light on it; not as an agriculturist or bioscientist, but as one of a growing hand of people who think it is time the grain train hit the buffers. It has been running out of control After years working in television studios,

Paul Heiney has bought a farm and intends running it in the old-fashioned way, using carthorses, a hand-plough and well-rotted muck on the fields. It's a dream and a challenge. He tells why

since the Second World War when the need to produce food was desperate. Grassland, meadows and heath disappeared as Churchill ordered the ploughs onwards. But farmers never got out of the habit; the grain train ran away with them. The agro-chemical industry spurred them on to produce more and more without a thought for the consequences to the land or the food. It also made some of them rich.

Now we are beginning to see the damage done. There are questions about nitrates in drinking water, salmonella in eggs, mad-cow disease in beef, hormones in milk and antibiotics in bacon. Too many questions, I think, to which there

is only one answer. The men who scratched their initials in the brick of my farm — among them A.J.P. 1867, P. Ely 1892 and W.M.S. and F.S. 1882 were farming under a system which was better than any invented since, and from which we could still learn a lot. They worked in harmony with natural systems rather than try to fight them. The muck their animals produced, to take one example, was not the embarrassment it is today. If I had not seen it with my own eyes, I would not have believed that slurry produced on farms in Holland (the consequence of highly intensive production of pig meat) is loaded into barges and taken for rides up and down the

Rhine because they cannot think of anything else to do with it.

A.J.P., whoever he was, would have laughed. He knew how to keep stock and feed his land for free. The simplicity was the beauty of the system. He grew the corn and saved the straw. When winter drew on, the stock was brought from the meadows into the farmyard for shelter. Down their throats went some of his precious corn and, obligingly, the animal deposited the digested remains in neat little pais on the very straw that had

carried the corn all summer long. After six months of being trodden by ever heavier hooves in the farmyard, a miraculous transformation would have taken place; for when A.J.P. stuck his

'Ploughing is like music. When the horses, the man and the plough are in tune it is symphonic'



"We were here": initials of old farmworkers carved in the redbrick wall

fork into the muck he found it had turned into dark, rich, nutritious rotted compost. It had cost him nothing at all.

The horse and cart were sent for, and an army of men; and forkful by sticky forkful the precious matter was carted to the field to be ploughed in, to help grow more corn, to feed more stock, to produce more straw, to fill the yards in the winter. "Ee-I, Ee-I, O", as Old MacDonald would have said. And so revolved a highly efficient and natural cycle. It was organic farming before anyone had invented the idea.

Will it work today, on my farm?
To the satisfaction of my critics, who will be many, I have to admit it may not. Not on the small scale I can afford. It is not because the natural system was in any way at fault, it is just that the figures don't add up any more. Yields of corn on the old farms were much lower than today, labour was cheaper, there was plenty of it and farmers did not feel they had a right to a

ow we pay farmers not to farm their land (it is called "set-aside"). Meanwhile, we have Development Commissions which scratch their heads trying to create jobs in rural areas. We are paying huge sums to solve problems of our own creation.

So, to prove that the old farming was the best farming for the land and the countryside, I am putting on my boots and taking to the soil. It is the principle that matters, and the pounds will have to take care of themselves. It will cost all my family's spare income at first and cause

The farm runs to only 36 acres.

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Not big, hardly room enough for an out-of-town Tesco, but it will do to prove the point. Thankfully it has been in good hands; the fields still have their hedges, the trees are still standing and the first-class have has not been converted. class barn has not been converted into a second-class house.

In the valley in which my farm

shelters were once some of the most lush and tasty grazing marshes in the area; but the "advance" of farming took the cattle off and put them in intensive units. Where once grew fivestar fodder, invasive and unpalatable sedge has taken charge. We are joining forces with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust to restore them to verdant pasture: this will add a rented 25 acres to what we own, which will be useful.

By Suffolk standards, the countryside is hilly. From the highest point of the farm I can stand and smell, if not quite see, the sea. From here I hope in a few years times to look down on a farm as it would have looked 100

years ago: fields of corn grown without the help of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, pastures rich in herbs and grasses to give the animals that graze them a glow of good health.

Horses will be at work too. In winter, Suffolk Punches might be carting hay or turnips to sheep. If it is June they will pull the mower that cuts the grass to make hay.

We shall cart the hay to the farmyard and with our pitchforks build haystacks. Remember those? In the winter the horses will labour

before the plough, turning the used earth and making it new again. I am not one of the soil's obvious sons. I began with gardening, and leeks like telegraph poles sprang from the soil fed with stolen horse muck. We had onions

like footballs, marrows of vulgar dimensions and occasional setbacks when caterpillars turned cabbage leaves into lace curtains and worms carved tunnels of love through

otherwise promising potatoes.

Then fate took me on a casual visit to a small farm in Suffolk which, even at the end of the 20th century, is surprisingly still
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Lobster on the Orient Express

got it right. "Almost everyone interesting. appealing, melancholy, memorable, odd, seems at one. time or another after many years and much life, to gravitate to Venice." It has taken me much life, little appeal, no melancholy, some oddness and 59 years. I should have gone six years ago, when I wrote an article, "Noël and Cole in Venice", for the Orient Express magazine. I neglected to claim the fee I had negotiated - two round trips. Last summer at David Frost's garden party I bumped into James Sher-wood, who revived the famous train. Just as I began to press my claim another guest said what bad form it was to discuss business at a social event and steered him away. Fate intervened when I talked after dinner to executives of Sealink (a sister firm) in Eastbourne. I elaborated on my sense of grievance. Last Thursday we embarked.

I asked an old friend, David Yakir, who is an advertising whizperson with the Ayer agency in New York, to come along. Yakir, a Brooklyn Jew, invented the faintly tiresome concept that we were two old Jewish widowers, Solly and Eddie, making the journey in the evening of our lives. This fiction was temporarily punctured at Victoria when I was asked for my autograph. The man produced two cards, one to sign, and one which proclaimed him "a private enquirer with 24 years CID experience". "Keep that," he said. "You might find it useful." My personal Poirot! The Solly and Eddie personas, re-

assembled ("we usually go to the

Catskills - they throw in Jackie Mason"), were treated royally en route to Folkestone, but at our age we found getting on and off the cross-Channel boat a slow anticlimax. Like Queen Victoria, I yearned for the Channel tunnel. Way back in 1858 Thomé de Gramond showed Prince Albert a

like perfection tended by one David, from Louisiana, who had at least a dozen of us to look after and a boiler to stoke. France looked just like France when we went to sleep and we awoke to find Switzerland looking exactly like Switzerland, Paris, Zurich and St Anton yielded



to write: "Tell the French engineer that if he can accomplish it I will give my blessing in my own name and in the name of all the ladies of England." Palmerston put the kibosh on that. England, he said, was far too close to the Continent already. Frustrated, I remembered Chips Channon, who wrote in his diary on February 20, 1936: "Sir Arthur Colefax died today. He was a good man; talented, high idealed, but boring beyond belief. Lord Berners once said of him that he had been offered £30,000 p.a. to bore the Channel tunnel'."

WE HAD 24 HOURS of brochure-

time about the tragedy behind an overheard remark which came with the lobster: "I really regret taking Denia to the Grand Canyon." You are supposed to judge the sophistication of Orient Express travellers by who is reading Agatha Christie's epic and who has plumped for Graham Greene's Stamboul Train. I counted one of each.

BACK IN 1929 Evelyn Waugh wrote in his travel book, Labels: "What can I possibly write, now, at this stage of the world's culture, about two days in Venice, that would not be an impertinence to every educated reader of this

book?" Include me in. But I have to report that poor old Solly, misled in his dotage about European convert-ers, had blown his American video camera and moaned about it as we passed every schloss and chalet, and boarded each gondola and vaporetto. At least it spared me hours of embarrassing posing. Then he failed to make his still camera work. However, I did find the perfect restaurant. Keith Waterhouse lent me an enchanting guide book -J.G. Link's Venice for Pleasure (1984 edition). On page 151, Mr Link recommends the Veccia Cavana, "favourite restaurant of that celebrated gourmet, Mr Bernard Levin". It was charming. Seeking to ingratiate myself. I pointed out the glowing tribute. "Ah! Signor Levin!" said the delighted waiter, and hurried away to fetch the maine d'hôtel. They returned in triumph bearing a Polaroid picture. "Signor Bernard Levin!" they chorused triumphantly. Unfortunately the snap was of Signor Sammy Kahn, the distinguished lyricist of "Three Coins in the Fountain". We had not the heart to disillusion them. WE DID WHAT we could in the

time. We circled the Bridge of Sighs, we marvelled at churches, pictures and a cornucopia of Caneletto views. We inhaled the evening mist in St Marks and were deafened by the clatter on Sunday morning. We had the ritual bellinis at Harry's Bar and coffee at Florians. We inspected the traditional fussy, filigree glass. and admired the simple, elegant, modern, Murano designs. Early on Sunday morning we made a pil-grimage to San Michele, where Diaghilev is buried. According to John Kent's colour guide to Venice, Gore Vidal spotted that the two pink ballet shoes (by Capesio, "Dancing Since 1887") on the little memorial are both for left feet. This huge island cemetery (Napoleon's idea) is dotted with sad cypresses under which thousands of Venetians are laid. Immediately inside the gate the hand-painted wooden sign points to the grave of three famous foreigners: "Ezra Loomis Pound, Strawinsky and Diaghilew (sic)". Passing countless children's tombs decked with flowers and touchingly illustrated with photographs, we found the latter two in a quiet Russian enclave. A bunch of fresh celandine sat on Diaghilev's plinth, some tulips on the plots of Stravinsky and Vera. The weather had ravaged the pale pink pumps. I examined them closely. How Gore could tell they were both left feet is a mystery. Wouldn't it have been easier to obtain a pair? Who was the young dancer who put them there and when? Are they replaced as they decay? The two great ballerinas I know best were out when I called to enquire so I can't give you the answers. Perhaps you know them?

AUSTIN MITCHELL

Movement: "Ours not to reason why. Ours but to do—or become John Moore" So when the Boss asked me to stand behind the counter of yet another of her shops. I was ready, no matter what was involved. I'm good at learning a job quickly and I couldn't let her down after Nigel had behaved so badly. Yet the Foreign Office chaps were always so charming and diplomatic. These Treasury types either say nothing and leave loaded revolvers by my bed or go on about being up some creek without a paddle.

I'm beginning to understand how Dad must have felt in his days as a circus acrobat. Except that my act is rather more spectacular. Like walking across a highwire in a strait-jacket, balancing between sterling crisis and depression while moving towards a pool of

and depression while moving towards a pool of crocodiles known as electors. Still, at least the Boss has promised to back me all the way. So we won't have her gardener Mr Ingham throwing stones over the wall.

The real problem is not having anything to do while she prepares the Budget. Sticking pins in that wax model of Nigel does not seem to work. His salary goes

... John Major

up with each pin. I could tax the high earners. Yet that means the Boss's friends would be round here whinging, so she won't allow that.

The Treasury bods suggest taxing the rest, but Central Office tells me they are revolting and have to be appeased. I can't put up VAT or the duties on booze, baccy and petrol either. We've already got inflation back to 1979 levels and the order's gone out not to put it up further So I'm left with interest rates. not to put it up further. So I'm left with interest rates. They are a bit like a Zimmer frame, yet they do keep me standing up.

I've no doubt the Boss will come up with something by Tuesday to go in that old box, along with my wholemeal sandwiches. Trouble is, she only seems to bubble with ideas after the transatlantic phone rings. and Alan Walters seems to be working on a "don't call me, I'll call you" basis. It's a bit unkind of him to leave us on our own like this. Just because he's not getting paid any more.

So here I am. Keen young chap, bags always packed, ever ready to help like a Scout on life's Bob-a-Job Week, advised by some of the finest brains in the country, three days to go and not a word written. No gimmicks left. Nigel's used the lot. Can't just let the money pour in, because Chris Patten's trying to get his hands on it to buy off those militant Wat Tyler chaps.

Even if there's nothing to do, I've still got Tim Bell to help me convince people I'm doing jolly well. He's advising a drop of the Dunkirk spirit. One coat covers any mess and it might stop Michael Heseltine's Henry V routine. I wonder if Henry wore glasses?

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uring the 1920s, Henry Williamson wrote his magical book, Tarka the Otter, set in the West Country. Now Devon County Council intends to popularize the valleys around the rivers Taw and Torridge through the

Tarka Project. An alliance has been formed between four district councils, the Royal Society for Nature Conservation (RSNC), the Countryside Commission and British Rail (which is calling its Exeter to Barnstaple service the Tarka Line).

R.D. Blackmore's Lorna Doone did for Exmoor, the stout-hearted Tarka may do for the farming communities of the hinterland.

more than 30 editions, won him the Hawthornden Prize and varied settings. Williamand worldwide admiration. But much of his popularity evaporated in the 1930s when his support for Sir Oswald Mosley and the Blackshirts was heatedly condemned. Tarka, however, still weaves his spell, and descendants of the otters Williamson wrote his footsteps should approach about continue to live along the two rivers.

That any otters are there at all, when they have vanished from most of England, is due to an abundance of hideaways giving concealment by day.

Nicola Oliver, project of-ficer, admitted: "It is extremely unlikely that visitors will see ofters. But we are improving the habitat for

making music

movement

hooves give it a rhythm. At the end of the furrow, you turn to

see the landscape which you have scarred and then guide

your horses round for the beginning of the next

By some stroke of great good luck I had arrived at a point where my passions for the countryside, for working

with carthorses and for grow-

ing food could fuse together. I

In the meantime, I had

Mayhew's Illustrated Horse

Management (1890).

decided to buy a farm.

Otters are the focus

of a new tourist project in Devon, reports John Hill

otters and other wildlife. "North Devon is a stronghold for them — the only one really, outside Scotland and

A 180-mile Tarka Trail will lead walkers around a figureof-eight, taking in many places Williamson's narrative. A trail leaflet is being prepared and a guidebook is also

planned Otters are obligingly far-Williamson's tale ran to ranging creatures on which to hang a story full of incident son walked the length of the route he arranged for Tarka, which took him from the rivers' shared estuary, bordered by Bideford and Barnstaple, up to Cranmere Pool

on Dartmoor. Anyone wishing to follow in the Country of the Two Rivers by train from Exeter St David's, which passes through magnificent Devon scenery

unscarred by motorways. Williamson was a chronicler not only of otters but the rest of the area's wildlife. The ground-nesting, long-legged cornerakes he wrote of have long since been banished by

from carriage windows one can see herons fishing along riverbanks and buzzards wheeling over woodlands.

Newcomers on the riverbank may or may not make a difference to the otters. What is certain is that the 1920s were no idyll for them, either. Cheriton otterhounds work-

ed the area and may have

provided source material for Tarka's awesome enemy Deadlock, formerly a staghound. Hunters observed a voluntary ban when otters became scarce and now they rave the protection of t Nor will visitors see the grisly handiwork of old-time gamekeepers: "...in a wood here the corpses of herons, kingfishers, red-throated divers, cormorants and shags were nailed to an oak tree.

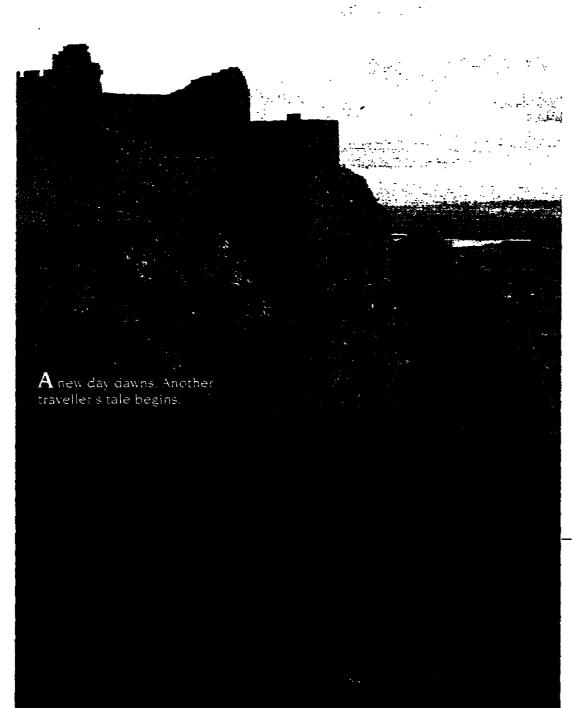
shags were beheaded, for the Two Rivers' Conservancy paid one shilling for every Henry Williamson, walking alone from his cottage at Georgeham village (Ham in Tarka) was no lover of crowds, still less of cars. If more people are going to know

Some had been shot, others

trapped. The cormorants and

will come on foot. • The Tarka Project is based at the Eric Palmer Community Centre, Barley Grove, Torring-ton, North Devon EX38 8EZ. The Tamar Otter Park, where visitors can be sure of seeing the animals, is run by the Otter Trust at North Petherwin, near

the Two Rivers, at least they





Sheepish: Paul Heiney with his children, Nicholas and Rose

farming. And about farmers. I went to see one of the old-timers the other day to try to buy a horse-drawn plough. He took me into the yard where it stood and told me the full story. "It was my father's," he pined "Good old plough it is, he taught me everything he knew behind that old plough. No, that's an old family friend really. I couldn't sell that . . He tooks long pause and, with a knowing look, added:

considerable gaps in my "... unless that was for knowledge to fill. Modern £100." Sly old devil. farming textbooks were I shall need a touch of couning like that if the money clearly of no use, so my education was gleaned from is not to run out entirely. such diverse volumes as Stedon't suppose I'll get much then's Book of the Farm support from scrious farmers. (second edition, 1877) and They will dismiss it all as

fanciful romanticism, un-

aware that the sands of time

Slowly I am learning about are running out for the system

that deserves better than to be dismissed as inefficient and sentimental rubbish. I am about to start on what for me will be a great adventure. I hope you will be with me on every long trudge down the furrow.

• Paul Heiney, known to television viewers for his appearances on such programmes as That's Life and In at the Deep End, and his wife, writer and broadcaster Libby Purvis, moved to their new farm this month. Mi Heiney will be reporting regularly on his farming progress in The Times Saturday Review.

they uphold. My extreme reac-

tion is probably not the answer either, but it is a gesture. If have anyone on my side, I hope it will be the spirits of "A.J.P." and "P. Ely" for

they, and men like them, created a science of farming

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GRAHAM WOOD

A CHILDHOOD: TEDDY KOLLEK



In school I don't recall having to

eddy Kollek is one of the world's great mayors. Having administered Jerusalem continuously for a quarter of a century, with a reputation for evenhandedness in a part of the world where fairness is not always best balanced, he is generally thought to be irreplaceable.

While the people of Jerusalem vote generally to the right when electing their deputies to the Knesset, they vote with their hearts when it comes to Kollek and his basically left-wing local administration. The fact that there has been less violence in Muslim east Jerusalem than in Gaza or the West Bank is put down largely to the respect held for Kollek among

Heavy with awards and honorary doctorates from European, American and Israeli universities. Teddy Koilek, they say, is Jerusalem. Frequently autocratic, impatient with fools and angered by prejudice, he gets the impos-sible done, identifying totally with his city. This month his book, My Jerusalem, is published (Weiden-

feld & Nicolson, £14.95).
Teddy Kollek was born in 1911 in the last days of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. His father worked for a private Rothschild bank, but during the First World War spent a lot of time on the eastern front. "When he was in Austria we would move to wherever he was, but mainly he was

away."
The Treaty of Versailles saw Austria reduced. There was hunger and hoplessness. He remembers his parents queuing for hours to buy bread, not because they did not have money but because there was no bread. On one occasion he had a mild attack of dysentery and his mother queued 12 hours for chocolate, the prescribed remedy at the time.

As a boy he was not particularly aware of anti-Semitism. There were occasional anti-Semitic remarks but nothing serious. This may have been because, with blond hair, he "did not look particularly Jewish". Once in his teens he got into a scrap with some tried to hit him, asking him why

he was going around with Jews. "In those days in Europe there were youth movements much more than today, and much more than you ever had here. Growing up you could either join the socialist youth movement, or the Austrian nationalist one - which, as Jews, we couldn't very well do

or a Zionist movement." His parents were only modcrately religious ("candles on Friday, but not necessarily synagogue on a Saturday"), but very in-terested in Zionism and would go to weekly lectures. In his teens he joined a Zionist youth group. mornifying his parents at his bar

think of a career. We led a much more carefree life?

by Ray Connolly

mitzvah when he made a fundraising speech for the group. In one way and another he has been fund-raising ever since.

He always travelled. As a boy of 12 and 13, he and some friends hitch-hiked around Europe. Hitch-hiking was new in those days. "I must have known every valley in Switzerland, southern Germany and the Côte d'Azure. One year we went to Paris."

He was a poor student but that did not seem to matter as much then. Certainly the idea of entering the bank, like his father, bored him. "Socialism and anti-bourgeois feelings were prevalent among youngsters then. Today young people are always talking

my whole school class Gentiles and Jews, I don't remember that anyone was thinking about a career. We led a much more carefree life. Today you wouldn't dare enter the world without certificates. But the life I saw before me did not call for any formal requirements."

He left school at 18, but instead of going to university spent nearly a year reading in libraries in Vienna. By now he had begun to travel abroad, helping to organize Zionist youth movements in Germany, Romania and Britain.

In 1933 he went to Czechoslovakia to an area soon to be on everyone's lips, the Sudeten lands. "One day the leader of the Jewish community where I was working called me in. Sitting with him were a couple from Chemnitz in Germany who, while they had been out in the street, had been told that the Gestapo had gone to their house and were waiting for them.

"Instead of going home they went straight across the frontier into Czechoslovakia, leaving behind a child of three who was being looked after by relatives. They were desperate."

The head of the community told him he must go and fetch the child. Travelling on his Austrian passport he took the train to Chemnitz and got in touch with a local Zionist group. In addition to getting the child, he had been asked to go to the parents' house and get the key to a safe deposit box in Paris, as well as documents and money.

"On the door were the Gestapo seals which we had to break. We found the key and documents and I picked up a teddy bear to keep the child happy on the way back to

the days when they hitch-hiked around Europe together. Now the date of birth was smudged with a deliberate ink blot.

"I was terrified, particularly because I had a lot of money on on the way I had been reading an Edgar Allen Poe story in which hidden but was lying on the desk all the time."

When he and the child reached from the waller."

Years later he tried to find the of Israel after 1947. In 1935 he emigrated to Pal-

the comfortable lives at home.

"I suppose we were all rebelling

against our parents, which is not

an uncommon thing for young-

His first job was mixing cement for housebuilding. Sometimes he

passes by the village where he worked and is pleased to see the

house is still standing. After that he went to the shore of the Sea of

Galilee where he helped found the

It was not easy. "We were at the

they had done."

Ein Gev kibbutz

He began the return trip across the frontier. His passport also included the name and date of birth of his younger brother from

me and you were not allowed to take out money in those days. But there was a search but the object was never found, because it wasn't

the German frontier and he was very thoroughly searched ("I remember them pushing needles through the teddy bear"), he coolly put his wallet down on the desk and said that was all he had. "They searched everything apart

parents and child again but was unsuccessful. The Chemnitz episode was the beginning of various clandestine operations in his life: smuggling young people into Palestine when it was controlled by the British, and collecting arms in the United States for the new state

estine by way of Trieste and Haifa. He was 24 and he had been thinking about going since in his mid-teens. "At that age you don't think about the future. To us it was a very exciting thing to go to Palestine and build up a new country, to join a kibbutz and start a new way of life, so different from



sters to do. I think we felt we were fished. For 10 years I was a middle name was Peter." left home and didn't look back. We didn't ask for any support and e visited Jerusalem for lived far less sheltered lives than the first time in 1936 when, ill from typhoid His first view of Palestine was and malaria, he went from the ship as they approached Haifa. "It was a beautiful city and there to convalesce. He had always been interested in all night we had been singing antiquities so Jerusalem naturally songs. It was very romantic."

fascinated him. "But apart from that I had no premonitions of what was to come," he says. Soon Tamar Schwartz, a girl friend from the youth movement in Vienna, joined him and they married. In 1938 his parents also emigrated to Palestine.

He was by no means a full-time fisherman and in 1938 found

for 3,000 young Jews from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia who had been arrested. With the help of Michael Foot, Standard and prominent members of the Jewish community in London, he arranged to get permits for the young people to come

Vienna to arrange their release. The man he had to see had taken over an office in the former home of the Rothschilds, his father's employers. "It was the first time he had been there. I don't know about the Rothschilds over here, but in Vienna they were pretty stuck up and didn't invite bank officials and their families to

to Britain. Then he went back to

"The young man kept me standing while he sat. He wore a

brown suit. I remember he was fairly efficient." His name was Adolph Eichmann.

"Of course, Eichmann wasn't a name then. In those days they just wanted to have the Jews away, not necessarily to liquidate them. So I got the permits. When it became known later that I had dealt with Eichmann it was a big story. But at the time it was no big thing. He was just a very ordinary looking man, no horns or anything.

Today, almost 79 and still in office, Teddy Kollek likes to reflect on what he sees as "certainly the most exciting century that has ever existed. From a personal point of view I wasn't always successful in what I wanted to do, but I was never bored. If I could now get peace in Jerusalem that would be perfect."

Holidays to write home about

Holidaying in Britain this year? Some of the most popufar holiday destinations lie off the beaten track . . .

ISLE OF WIGHT PRISON

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Angel tube station The new breed of executive traveller is looking for an excitingly different ambience. * hive of activity in a lively mecca conveniently located amidst the hustle and bustle of stylish, contemporary London, For the sophisticated hands-on executive who likes lorub shoulders with a myriad different Londoners while keeping in touch with those from more distant climes. The Angel offers a vibrant retrest from the seclusion of office life. Thousands flock to this major attraction every day of the year, and many of them

live to tell the tale. While you're there, he sure to experience the famous

"Wind Tunnel" as the suction from an oncoming train appears to transport you to another world, and don't miss the celebrated "Out of Order" lifts, allowing visitors young and old the breath-taking opportunity to climb to the surface by means of the ancient spiral staircase, many of them reaching the top. RUSH HOUR AT LIVERPOOL STREET

account miss the thrills and will-they/won't-they excitement of the capital's most enigmatic and mysterious railway station. Many find that they come for an hour and stay a lifetime at this meeca for the weary traveller. Daily

While in London, on no

activity programmes include six opportunities every hour to hear the famous "British Rail Apologises For Any Delays" announcement followed by the Feeding of the Tele-phones, the Staring at the Empty Departures Board and a chance to participate in the famous, unnaturally lengthy queues. Opportunities for busy conference executives abound, with a full staff maintaining a superbly



equipped silence around the clock. Experienced travellers have been known to catch a train from this station, but this should on no account be attempted by the casual visitor without fully qualified

THE M25

People tend to linger longer at London's very latest experi-ence in circular travel. Relax in the comfort of your own car and feel yourself a part of the famous "Eight Mile Tail-

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clustered in the warm am-bience of the capital's very latest tourist trap. Tranquil-lity, peace, solitude . . . these are the words which will leap to your mind as you traverse this celebrated pass. Over one million people a day take the chance to stop for hours on what has been described as the Eighth Wonder of the Whirled, and even the most seasoned of travellers will find that they just can't pull themselves away. Be sure to enter the famous "Dartford Tunback", or simply enjoy the nel", though exits are by intimacy of other travellers appointment only.

This, indeed, is one of the world's most desirable restingplaces, where guests are encouraged to just lie back and "let it happen". "Put up a struggle," says manager Ron-nie Gray, 45, "and you'll only make it worse." Utterly private, set in exclusive quickdrying concrete, such complete immersion in a sophisticated flyover represents the kind of long, long vacation you have been crying

> CHARING CROSS ARCHES The world of Charles Dickens is vividly created each night here in London's exclusive

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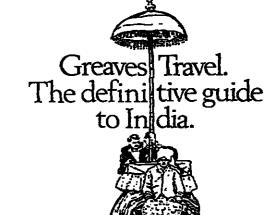


West End. Men, women and children are all flocking to Nestling in a block of concrete combine the modern convewith breath-taken views over nience of a cardboard box the M3, the busy defaulting with the olde-worlde atexecutive will have the holimosphere of the gutter by day to end all holidays enjoynight. With soup delivered ing surroundings tailored to his own individual requiretwice-weekly, this is a must for the outdoors type, a new concept in totally informal, ments. Here, guests soon find that they have become part of stay-as-you-are accommodation. No wonder those who the landscape, their accom-modation resting high above have experienced it just once panoramic views of a dy-tell us that it has made them namic, utterly modern and want to "get away from it all". contemporary thoroughfare. Under the Arches at Charing Cross offers a complete break from the workaday world and guarantees you utter seclusion within walking distance of London's exclusive Westminster. Visited by worldfamous Mother Theresa on her last visit to the capital, this unique opportunity to see the stars of London from the intimacy of your own mistfilled cardboard box (newspapers extra) is fast becoming London's busiest nightspot.

> A FORTNIGHT IN THE STUDIO AUDIENCE OF BBC'S KILROY

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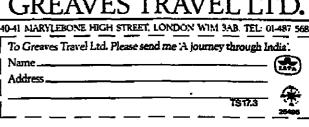


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How to turn heads in the East Youth

Ornithologists wield much influence on political terminology, but in East Germany the

word of the moment has emerged improbably from the annals of the birdwatcher to describe the salient feature of a society which is emerging from what used to be called "really existing socialism"

into something rather different.
The Wendehals, or wryneck, is a member of the woodpecker family and possesses the useful ability to turn its head in a full circle.

For the bird this is a handy way of gaining increased access to the scurrying ants which are its gastronomic fare. For its human namesakes it is an equally propitious characteristic in times of sudden political change.

East Germany, in common with most of Eastern Europe, echoes to the flap of turning coats these days as one of the most disciplined communist states turns its attentions and principles towards the free market, and marks replace Marx as the motor of politics.
The observation of Goethe's

Faust, that "two souls dwell, alas, within my breast", has never looked truer, as the ideologues of yesterday reveal themselves as today's pragmatists.

Consider the case of Eberhardt Aurich. Known as the "pro-fessional youth", he headed the Freie Deutsche Jugend youth movement for most of the Eightics, well into his own middle age. A colourless functionary, even by East German standards, he showed every sign of following his predecessors in the job - Egon Krenz and Erich Honecker - into mainstream politics, and had prepared himself assiduously for the role by traipsing behind the former leader on lengthy and purposeless "friendship visits" to Eastern bloc countries and decreeing that punk music and fashion as youthful expressions of alienation had "no place in our socialist society".

Despite years in the fantasy world of functionarydom, however, Herr Aurich has shown a remarkable talent for reading the writing on the crumbling wall.

He has deserted the reformed youth movement, taking with him a good share of its property and office space, with which he has set up a limited company supplying giant video screens for rock venues including, you guessed it, those of punk leaning previously denied permission to perform in public on his orders.

After the November reforms hours of fun were to be had here, spotting the emerging Wendehalse Only brave Communist Party

followers in East Germany present themselves as anything other than

passive victims, says Anne McElvoy

dusting themselves down to start off in a new direction. Their numbers have grown with such rapidity since that the problem these days in finding anyone who does not fit the description.

The best of breed for a short while was the interim leader, Herr Krenz, who flipped from being a dogmatic supporter of the former regime to its dismantler in a few hours behind the closed doors of the Politburo purge.

He emerged excusing his past

silence with the observation that he had been secretly in favour of change for two years. There are many ways to spot the greater crested Wendehals, and one of them is the warble "I was always ... " Another is the insistence that the accused always did his best to change things "within the range of possibilities open to me at the time", indicating that the system had such a stranglehold on the budding reformer that he was constantly thwarted in at-

tempts to budge it. Curiously and irritatingly, this is most frequently spouted by those who thrived within the former regime. The brown-suited Civil Servant from the foreign ministry charged with "looking me, as he disarmingly termed his surveillance, carried out his duty with alacrity, providing strings of unwanted interview partners to fill up every spare moment of the visiting correspondents' time, lest they find someone independent or interesting to talk

He embraced me warmly when we met again last week (another feature of the Wendehalse is that they are never ousted from their nests, despite the climactic upheaveal round them). "Terrible times, weren't they?" he said jovially. "You must excuse some of the incidents then. Orders from above and all that. Nothing we could do about it."

Apart from a handful of dis-

sidents, everyone from the Civil Servant to the factory worker now subscribes to the line that they did not like the old system but that there was "nothing we could do

The similarities with the ducking and weaving which followed the collapse of the Third Reich are unmistakable. Even the morally dubious concept invoked after the war of Befehlsnotstand - being

free from guilt because one was acting under orders - is evoked without a shred of

embarrassment Already a kind of national litany is chanted when the subject of the past 40 years is raised. Ask how people feel about the former regime and you will almost inevitably get the rhyming reply "Belogen und Betrogen" (lied to and deceived). Only the brave few will present themselves as anything other than passive victims.

The inquiries into charges of corruption and misuse of office by leading functionaries support his view. Every Communist Party district secretary refers to orders from the regional secretary, who in turn talks of his orders from the

The former Politburo élite then wail on East German television before an open-mouthed audience that it was not their fault. Herr Honecker and his security chief, Erich Mielke, gave the orders and brooked no dissent from within



One feels something approachthe two villains are fast looking like the only two

non-Wendehalse in the political firmament. Herr Mielke, despite presiding over a spider's web of small-time spies and informers to keep the population in its place, is now almost fondly remembered for what must rank as one of the most absurd valedictory speeches on record, when he told the East German parliament of the Stasi: 'We are the sons and daughters of the working class. We did it for you. I love you all," before being hauled off to the same jail his forces used to administer.

Herr Honecker calmly told the vicar in whose home he has been given sanctuary that he is looking forward to his trial to explain why he is still right.

But they are yesterday's men. The question facing today's East German society is how to absorb so many sudden converts from the old system. The East German electorate goes to the polls tomorrow faced with a list of candidates wishing to participate in the new order, who previously arranged

themselves quite successfully with the old. All parties have had trouble convincing the people that they do not contain a large proportion of former Communist Party members. Former communists do not seem to be fussy where they end up - the most right-wing of the conservative parties had to sack 40 per cent of its executive in the south of the country, when it emerged that they had formerly been Com-munist Party members but failed to declare this when they stood for

The news that Herr Wolfgang Schnur, the most prominent conservative leader to emerge since the reforms, worked for the Stasi while defending dissidents, has however provoked little more than a few tuts.

In the southern town of Plauen they joke about the similarity with the end of the Third Reich, saying that they cut the swastika out of their flags in 1945 to yield the red flag, and now they are cutting away the hammer and compass from the East German flag to make it West German.

The irony is rich, but the casual manner in which it is absorbed is chilling. In which direction will the locals turn themselves next? Former party members have already been seen handing out the literature of the extreme right wing Republican party.

The visitor to East Berlin is preeted these days by a smiling border guard who enjoins one to have a pleasant stay; the same guards as before, of course, but relieved now of the order to be obstructive. It would be churlish to carp at the change, but the memory lingers of the dissident singer Wolf Bierman, banned from the country for 13 years and humiliated by the guards when he tried to return for the funeral of his friend and fellow dissident, the scientist Robert Hevemann. No, Herr Bierman said, he could not bring himself to smile as the guard waved him through, and asked for his autograph when he was finally allowed to return. "I thought I did rather well not to hit him," he said. "I am not bitter, just consistent"

Consistency is what this liberated but uncertain society most clearly lacks, as it turns its addled head from the past to the future. On the basis of previous German experience, it will no doubt execute the flip with dexterity. But amid the rejoicing at the

end of a bad dream there lurks in not a few East German breasts the quiet but uncomfortable awareness that two volte-faces in half a century are enough to afflict even the most resilient with a touch of



COLLECTING

Golden age of the cloisonné vase

John Shaw reports

on a craft

known in 16th century Japan

alcolm Fairley helped discover a new collectors market while visiting a house in Fulham in 1983. He came across a pair of elegant imperial Japanese cloi-

British admiral in 1897. Little was known about their past, but Mr Fairley, a Japanese expert on a valuation for Sotheby's, encouraged the owners to look through family papers. A letter was discovered which gave the pieces provenance, a crucial

The vases, decorated with birds and bearing the imperial seal, were presented by the emperor to Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Noel Salmon, former commander of the China Station. The gift repaid his Japanese court at the Spithead

The vases were made by Namikawa Sosuke, one of the two pre-eminent cloisonné makers of the time. Estimated at between £10,000-£15,000 before the sale, they soared on the day to £22,000 and ended up in the British Museum.

"One or two people were collecting at that time," Mr Fairley says. "But I think it was the point at which the art market began to realize cloisonné vases of that quality were something special and needed study because so much, dare I say rubbish, was produced later.

Mr Fairley, an associate director of Barry Davies Oriental Art, has studied the subject in detail and put together a 42-piece exhibition from what he calls the golden age of Japanese cloisonné between 1880-1910.

It opens on Monday and coincides with the major Japanese sales at Christie's and Sotheby's where, to complete the symmetry, two more vases by Sosuke are on offer. This



time the estimate is between

£20,000-£30,000. The technique is long and painstaking. It involves pour-

ing coloured ground enamels into tiny compartments formed by an intricate network of exposed wire tracery on the surface of an object. It is an ancient craft devel-

oped in Japan in the 16th century. The skill was "reinvented" in the 19th century The exhibition contains and refined. Namikawa examples by all major artists Yasuyuki (1845-1927) and of the period and it is possible Sosuke (1874-1910) became to trace the styles of the two the leading figures. Yasuyuki Namikawas from early to later opened his own business and produced one of the art's great advances – a true mirror-like black glaze, in 1897.

"O", "OO" and "N" gauge to include Homby, Bassett Lowke, Homby Dublo, Chad Valley and Jep; die-cast vehicles by Dinky and others. Biddle & Webb, Ladywood Middleway, Birmingham (021 455 8042). Sale today, 11am. SILVER SPECIAL: Graceful Victorian posy holder in the shape of a swan (£180-£250), in this sale of silver, plate, jewellery and related items.

This began the golden age. It saw the emergence of Sosuke, who opened his workshop in Tokyo. He developed the

semi-wireless technique (Shosen Jippo) between 1879-1881. Success was swift and he won the first class gold medal at the Amsterdam Exhibition

Mr Fairley has found the vases which won the prize. wares. Yasuyuki was a brilhiant craftsman, constantly seeking refinement; Sosuke, equally adept, was also a

SALES GUIDE

Henry Spencer & Sons, 20 The Square, Rettord, Notts (0777 708633). Viewing Tues 10am-3pm. Sale Wed 11am. THREE SISTERS: About 500 lots of Georgian and later furniture belonging to the late Miss Judith Bartram, the last of three farming sisters who ran a large Norfolk estate. G. A. Key, 8 Market Place,

businessman, something new Union were the main move-

in 19th century Japan. of delicate wares was produced, the industry went into decline and remained in obscurity until the 1970s. Much later material was inferior to the early achievements.

"I saw all sorts of enamels come in when I was at Sotheby's, I realized there was a huge difference in quality. I wondered why, but nobody seemed to know or take it seriously as a subject. The rise of art glass forced a reconsideration," Mr Fairley says. Galle, Daum and Lalique in France, Tiffany in New York and Fabergé in the Soviet

Aylesham, Norfolk (0263-733195). Viewing Tues 10am-8pm. Sale Wed 10am.

MERSEY ORIENTAL: Fine textiles from the Arthur H. Lee collection, residue of a business in Birkenhead whose fabrics were used in

Windsor Castle.
Holloway's, 12 High Street,
Streatley, Berkshire (0491 872
318). Viewing Mon 1-6pm and
Tues morning. Sale Tues 1pm.

ments "but nobody seems to A few years after the range have looked at the early Japanese work, even in Ja-

pan", he says. Mr Fairley led the way in this reassessment at Sotheby's, Coben and Ferster published their book on the subject in 1982 and the market started to take notice the following year. The British Museum acquisition gave the subject

respectability. "I want these things to be looked at by all collectors. They deserve a rightful place in the history of decorative art," Mr Fairley says. • "Japanese enamels of the

golden age", Barry Davies Oriental Art, I Davies Street, London W1 (01-408 0207) Open 10am-6pm to March 30. Sotheby's, New Bond Street. London WI (01-493 8080). Japanese works of art on Monday, 10.30am and

2.30pm, Tuesday 10.30am. ● Christie's, King Street, St James's, London SW1 (01-839 9060). Japanese works of art. Wednesday and Thursday.

MUSEUMS

Take one guide...

ever before have Brit-ish museums had the boost they received from the 1989 Museums Year. It celebrated the centenary of the Museums Association and the achievement of museums in creating a new image for themselves and a new cate-

gory of leisure activity. Despite the fact that many museums said they had a disappointing summer because the hot weather had kept people out of doors, the Museums Association is confident that final figures will show 100 million visits to Britain's museums and galleries, representing a 20 per cent increase on 1988.

This year there is to be a new Times Guide to Museums and Galleries, remodelled to take account of comments from both museums and visitors. Last time we gave listings only to museums offering concessions as part of our Passport scheme. For the 1990 Guide, all museums are eligible. The listings have more than doubled, with over 800 offering Passport

Due to the increasing importance of museums in schools' curricula - with the GCSE emphasis on research museums have an enhanced role for young people. This time there is an added Passport category with special concessions having been devised for holders of a new Junior Passport:

Once again the Guide is divided into 11 regions and there are 23 pages of fullcolour maps to help users in the world. pinpoint the museums around the country. All major museums appear

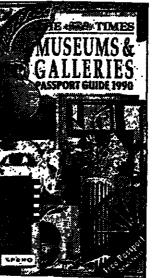
again with some surprises and many favourites. The Southeast has the new Canterbury

MERLIN'S MAQIC: With the aid of new technology, a wizard tells the story of Wales. Another multi-media show awalts at the nearby Dinorwig power station, built into a mountain. Methods used to harness hydro-electric power explained and an underground trip to the generating centre. Museum of the North, Lianbens, Gwynedd: (0286 870 636). Sun-Sat 10am-5pm.

Simon Tait

reviews the new Times Guide to

Museums and **Galleries**



Heritage Museum with its unique collections ranging from Roman swords to Rupert the Bear, and the Museum of Kent Rural Life at Maidstone which has a hop garden as an object.
The West Midlands has the

Buxton Micrarium which opens the door to the beauty of the microscopic world, and the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry with the oldest working steam engine

Bradford National Museum of Photography, Film and Television is a crowd-puller for the North-east, and a less well-known museum in the region is Wilberforce House,

EXHIBITIONS >

concessionaries, £2.25, Children, £1.50. TIN TREASURES: Tin glazed pottery, China, Islam and the West, First used in Iraq, it spread gradually south and west until it neached northern Europe (Defft). Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (0865 278 000). Tues-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, in Hull, devoted to the great anti-slaver and his times.

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In the North-west, Merseyside Maritime Museum, the museum which set the trend in Liverpool's Albert Dock, has a special exhibition on the Cunard Line, and from the Isle of Man, the Cregnessh Village Folk Museum has an

entry.

Northern Ireland's Ulster American Folk Park has a new gallery devoted to the construction of a typical emigrants' ship, and Armagh County Museum will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the crucial Battle of the Boyne this summer. In Scotland, Inverkeithing

Museum has an exhibition about the construction of the Forth Bridge for the summer, and Palaceries Exhibition Centre in Cumbernauki continues to examine the history of its own site through demonstrations and activities. In the East Midlands and East Anglia region, Moyse's Hali Museum at Bury St Edmunds, which tells the gory Red Barn Murder story, is a sharp contrast to the Peak District Mining Museum at Matlock Bath, Derbyshire.

The Times Guide Museums and Galleries is to be distributed through W. H. Smith, which will be doing a special promotion after Easter.

Readers can again take advantage of a pre-publication offer. From Monday, March 19, and for six weeks the Guide and Passport will be offered at a special price of £5.95, including postage and packing.

After publication on April 26, the Guide will be available through normal retail outlets, but the Passports, still free, will be available from The Times only.

Admission free, donations veicome. HORSEY: Paintings. equipment, toys and skeletal remains trace the evolution of the horse and its role as a the norse and its role as a working animal in agriculture, warfare, leisure and sport. Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum, Ketvingrove, Glasgow (041 357 3929). Open daily 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm. Admission free, until April 1.

CAMPUS

Youth's view of the future

With student loans and disaffiliation high on the agenda, April's elections for president of the NUS will be closely watched. Here the outgoing president reflects on her two years in office, and the two main candidates put their views

hree days after I was elected president of the National Union of Students (NUS), the then Secretary of State for Education, Kenneth Baker, announced that an inquiry was to be launched into the activities of student unions and their connections with the NUS. This inquiry was a response to allegations about the student movement which were circulating within the Conservative Party. The com-plaints usually alleged either that the student movement was the last closed shop (rejected by Mrs Thatcher in 1985), or that we did little of real value, instead subverting democracy and civilization throughout the Western world.

That was two years ago, and the NUS had been expecting an attack from the Government for some time. Ever since the NUS was widely credited with forcing the first ever U-turn on the Thatcher Government, when Sir Keith Joseph had to drop his plans for contributory tuition fees in 1984, vengeance had been expected. Two years later, student protests saved £30 million of welfare benefit entitlement for students which would otherwise have been lost in the Social Security changes introduced by Norman Fowler. These, and the other victories the student movement has enjoyed, have been good for students, but have done nothing to endear the NUS to the Government.

The inquiry into student unions and the NUS went ahead, exploring the nature of student union activity and the degree to which it could be described as "political". In the end, the results vindicated us, showing that most student unions spent less than 0.5 per cent of their income on "political" activity, even under the Govern-

ment definition of "political".

The ferocity of the criticism of the student movement placed the NUS in a very difficult position. If we continued to defend vigorously Government, thereby inviting its challenge the essence of what is

wrath. Not to do so would make the organization incapable of protecting the interests of students and the wider education system. We had no real choice other than to continue doing our job to the best of our ability. This decision was put to the test before the inquiry had even taken root, with the Government's declaration of its intention to introduce student

The NUS has run a high-profile campaign against the loans proposals quite unashamedly and, we believe, quite legitimately. Hardly anyone outside the Government supports the loans scheme - not the students, not the public, not the vice-chancellors or directors of colleges, nor the staff who work in them. Even the high street banks pulled out of the scheme under the weight of student pressure.

The Government has faced criticism in its own ranks in the House of Commons, and a fullscale revoit in the House of Lords, winning the vote there only by imposing a three-line whip. The legislation has not yet completed its passage through Parliament, and we are still a long way from seeing a loans scheme in place. One likely result of this battle will be a renewed focus on the future of the student movement. I suspect that we have been a little too effective for our own safety. So if, in the near future, we hear renewed rumblings about the subversive activities of student unions, remember this: it will have more to do with loans than loony leftism. Looking back over my time in

the NUS, I do not regret at all the decision to fight a hard-hitting campaign against student loans. If I regret anything, it is that, because of the necessity of responding to a series of initiatives which would reduce standards and opportunities in education, we have all become just a little conservative. Continually having to defend the status quo against alternatives bring us into further conflict with that we have not had the space to essentially an inflexible and élitist education system.

Our education system fails most people at the age of 16, and is thereafter geared only to the needs of a small minority. Putting this right requires a reassessment of the purpose and structures of higher education in a way which the Education Reform Act completely failed to do. The NUS has started a programme called the Education Initiative, designed to promote debate around these fundamental questions.

My hope for the future is that those who come after me will always keep faith in their principles, and will develop the vision of how an open, vibrant and accessible education system could

Maeve Sherlock

magine the potential of a national organization with more than 850 student unions affiliated to it, thereby encompassing one and a half million students. Imagine how powerful the voice of those two million students could be. Imagine the variety of different issues those dents are involved in and that their national body should be involved in. Imagine how damag-ing those students could be to any government that attacked them as often as this one has.

It is a sad fact that the NUS does not come close to realizing this potential. It is not as powerful as it could be, it does not get involved in everything that students are involved in, and it most definitely does not have the. present Government running scared as far as its education policy is concerned.

I am standing for president of the NUS because I want to see radical change. I want to see the NUS setting the agenda on educa-tional issues, I want to see the NUS involving all students and, above all, I want to see the NUS 25 the strongest and most respected organization within the educa-



elected, will be student financial support. Over the past 10 years students have lost a variety of benefits, the grant has declined rapidly and now the Government is intent on introducing student loans. NUS response has simply not been good enough - "Loans Won't Work" sloganizing posters, leaflets and five national enstrations in the last 18 touths. It is a disgrace that the NUS has failed to come up with a positive alternative to the grants

Developing a vision of the education system, and in particular student financial support, will be an immediate priority for me if elected. But that will not be all. The loans campaign thereafter must involve every weapon in our armoury, and much more innovative ideas than we have seen so far. Demonstrations and occupations should play a prominent role and we should look at organizing a national student referendum, 2 national petition, many more publicity stunts and an open challenge to John MacGregor to debate the issue. If the Government persists, it should be a priority for the NUS to ensure that education and loans are a general election issue.

The success of the loans campaign, or indeed any of the NUS's campaigns, does not of course simply depend upon the tactics used within that campaign. For the NUS to achieve anything, it has to be seen to be properly repre-sentative of all students in Britain. As president of the NUS I would ensure that more work was done on My top priority next year, if and music, and the development Richard Cosmo Hawkes fundamental principle for the

and co-ordination of societies in student unions. We should be proud of what students achieve and we should organize national fund-raising events, national sporting events, national student festivals and so on to promote what we do. Only when the NUS does this will it have the respect of all

This would mean radical reform of the NUS, both structural and political. It is this issue of reform that is at the crux of this year's residential election. The choice is very simple — more of the same or a vibrant, innovative alternative. My main opponent is from an organiza tion known as the National Organization of Labour Students (NOLS), an organization that could attract only 74 delegates to its annual conference, and whose members booed and hissed a prospective candidate for the NUS national executive because she said that, if elected, she would put the interests of students above the interests of NOLS, which has controlled the NUS for eight years. I am a democratic socialist, and

a strong supporter of the Labour Party. But I believe that the NUS should be controlled by students, not party political factions. The NUS should ensure that it involves all students. Then, and only then, will the NUS have the respect of all students. Then, and only then, will the NUS start to realize its enormous potential and become, without doubt, the strongest, most radical and most respected organization in the education

national union. The failures of our education system to involve people from working-class backgrounds is a national disgrace. In doubling the numbers of students in higher education, we need policies that target those groups which are under-represented in the present system.

Sadly, the present Government's loans proposals will make a bad system far worse. The deterrent effects of loans are well documented. They would be compounded by any moves to charge home students all or part of the costs of tuition. A serious commitment to widening access requires an investment in education from the ages of 16 to 19, including the provision of grants for further education and sixth-form

Increasingly, decisions relating to education policy are being taken at a European level. As the process of European integration accelerates, it is of critical importance that students' interests are represented in Europe. The NUS is in a strong position to encourage the development of a European union of students to represent students from the Urals to the Atlantic. We have a responsibility to give effective support to the newly emerging democratic student organizations of Eastern Europe as well as improving our ties with student representatives in Western

The NUS has been criticized as "too political". For me it is a source of pride that the NUS does work on subjects such as Southern Africa or lesbian and gay rights. As long as there is injustice anywhere in the world it will be not only our right to work against it — it will be

ver recent years, the

NUS has changed

enormously. When the

Union was first estab-

lished in 1922, it was a

club for the most privileged universities. Today the NUS

represents one and a half million

students in 850 colleges across the United Kingdom. Most of these

students are in the further edu-

cation sector. As we enter the

1990s a major challenge for the new NUS president is to adapt the

union's work to meet the needs of

dents with a series of new issues

and new challenges. Debates on

education and training are moving

very quickly. It is critically im-

portant that students' needs and

interests are properly defended.

That is why, this year, I have launched the NUS Education

Initiative - the aim of which is to

set out a vision of students' ideal

education systems and a set of

practical policy ideas for fulfilling

who remain in education at the

age of 16 is pathetically small. The

system of higher education in the

United Kingdom is scarred with

élitism at every level. The present

Government has set itself the

objective of doubling the number

in higher education over the next

25 years. This worthwhile and

positive goal must be backed up

by two things: a sizable increase in

public funding to ensure that the

quality of education is not eroded,

and an active commitment to

equal opportunities policies.

The number of young people

The new decade presents stu-

a diverse student population.

our duty. Injustice is not something which stops at the English Channel. Our society - including the education system - is plagued by prejudice, intolerance and discrimination. If the NUS is to be able to represent all students, it must play an active role in combatting such discrimination. My first contact with the NUS was as a first-year student involved in my Lesbian and Gay Society. It is a sad truth that colleges and student unions are not immune to the bigotry and prejudice that are directed at lesbians and gay men in our society. The NUS has a responsibility to foster an at-mosphere in colleges that respects difference and encourages equality of opportunity.

Labour is moving further and further ahead in the national opinion polls. In this year's elections to the NUS National Executive, students have a clear choice. By voting for me and the other Labour candidates, students will be voting for a progressive national union with a clear vision of its ideal education system. As our country moves towards Labour, now is not the time for students to move towards the Right. That is why I expect to be NUS president in the year ahead.

Stephen Twigg

OUTINGS

THIS WEEKEND

THE NATIONAL SHIRE HORSE SHOW: A once-a-year opportunity to see the best of the four main breeds of heavy horse (the others being the Clydesdale, Suffolk Punch and Percheron), More than 200 horses can be seen in the show ring - mares, stallions, geldings, in hand, singles, pairs and four-horse teams. Also a shoeing competition. Judging begins at 8.30am, the Grand Parade at 3.45pm. East of England Showground, Peterborough, Today, Barn to late afternoon, Admission before 1pm, adult £5, child £2. After 1pm, adult £2.50, child

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY SHOW: The only exhibition of its kind in the UK, with all the latest cycles from racers to fold-up "commuting" bikes. Also Riness demonstrations and tiests for visitors, climbing competition, mountain biking and BMX champion displays. A 150th anniversary exhibition of vintage and veteran bikes, with riders in period costume. Olympia 2, Kensington. London W14, Today, tomorrow 10am-8pm, Adult £4, child

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SOTHEBY'S MANCHESTER EXHIBITION: Opening today, a preview of important Victorian pictures to be auctioned by Someby's in London in June. A wide range of work is on display, from the early genre to the pre-Raphaelites and Burne-iones and his followers. Manchester City Art Galleries, Mosley Street, Manchester. Today unta April 7.

RAINBOW CRAFT FAIR: 150 individuel craftsmen and Printratenomen - many demonstrating their skills — at this setting fare to be held under marqueez on the riverside lawns. An extremely wide range of crafts to be seen from lacework, Sites engraving, calligraphy and wrought iron work to uppet-making and fly-tying. Perry service from Windsor Windsor Receptures, Windsor.

oday, tomorrow 10.30am-330pm. Adult £1.50, eccompanied child free. from the BBC's make-up

WARPAINTS: Throughout the Makend, cosmetics experts deparament demonstrate the uspensis and techniques aseq o achieve the Forties look. Visitors to the inuseum who Wish to slip into the time warp can offer themselves as guines-plos. Imperiel War Museum. Lembeth Road, London SE1.

Today, tomorrow, 10am-6pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.25.

ST PATRICK'S DAY **CELEBRATIONS:** You don't have to be Irish to celebrate Green Ribbon Day, but it helps. Among the many events taking place up and down the country are a traditional display of Irish dancing and tolk music at Merton Abbey Mills, London SW19, today between noon and 4pm, free. Tomorrow at 3pm, a St Patrick's Day concert at Charing Cross Hospital, Fullham Road, London SW6 - with traditional music, step dancing, singing. poetry reading and a comedy sketch. Also a raffle and refreshments. Adult £3, child

FINAL FLING!: To bring the International Women's Festival to a close, an all-female cabaret followed by disco. Late bar until 1 pm.
Moseley Dance Centre.
Moseley Road, Birmingham.
Tonight from 7.30pm. Tickets
£5, £6.

MONDAY

FOR A WEE COUNTRY: Opening day of a major architectural touring exhibition which marks the 150th anniversary of the institute of Architects of Scotland, looking at past achievements, the fin-de-siècle tuture, the changing relationship between architect and client and the relevance of the Green movement. Parish Halls, Glasgow. Today until April 18. Furthe information, 031 229 7205. CELEBRATION OF SCHOOLS

MUSIC: Week of performances at Snape Mairings concert half in which 1,000 young singers, instrumentaists, composers and denoars will take part. Concerts every night at 7pm. Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, Tonight until Sat inclusive. Tickets adult £2, students £1. Box Office open Mon to Sat 10am-4pm (0728 453543).

TUESDAY

THE THREAD OF LIFE: The Princess Royal opens the new Joseph Banks building at Kew today. Described as one of the most ambitious additions to the gardens this century, the single-storey building will house a multi-media exhibition Hustrating mankind's use of plants, and the economic potany reference collections and library. The exhibition shows how a single plant product — cellulose — has been used for the past 6,000 years and how, with proper management, natural plant

products can continue to provide for our needs. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (01-940 1171). Daily 9.30amdusk Admission to exhibition included in admission to

WORLD DJ CHAMPIONSKIPS: Aspiring DJs from all over the country compete for the world

Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex. Box office 01-900 1234. 7.30pm. Tickets £11.50-

WEDNESDAY

DRUID CEREMONY OF THE SPRING EQUINOX: Ancient ritual performed at a "sacred" time when day and night are of equal length. Celebrating new beginnings, growth and light. Spectators welcome. Tower Hill, London EC3. 12

THE DOME OF DISCOVERY: New museum opens today in Glasgow on the south bank of the Clyde. The refurbished building will house a collection of historical and reconstructed ertefacts, machines and experiments which exemplify pioneering scientific and technological discoveries in physics, engineering. astronomy, communications and computers. outh Rotunda, Glasgow. Further information 041 330

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WITH THE V&A: Series of spring evening events lectures, recitals and private views - open to members of the V&A. Tonight "a Georgian evening" includes a lecture on Georgian silver by Jean Scofield, curator of silver to a City livery company, 7.15pm. Music played by Esterhazy String Quartet and an opportunity to view the Silver eries. Annual membership to the V&A club is £16, nominal admission to each event £2. Further information 0494 Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London

THURSDAY

NATIONAL THEATRE

PLATFORM: Steven Pimiot -director of Sunday in the Park with George - talks about directing plays, musicals and operas in general and in particular about the current The Lyttetton, National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1. Tickets £2.50. (Box Office WILDLIFE TALK: Mike Ounsted, head of development at Slimbridge, talks about saving endangered species. Cheese and wine included in the ticket price. The Wildfowl and Wattands

Trust, Arundle, West Sussex (0903 883355). 7.30pm. Tickets GETTING ANIMATED:

Watson talks about her work with particular reference to the suitability of the medium when used to explore political issues such as the environmen consumerism, apartheid. Selection of films made by her contemporaries follows. Watershed Media Centre, Cannon's Road, Bristol, 7.30pm. Further information 0272 276444.

FRIDAY

THE VIDEO SHOW: All areas o home video, cam recorders, talevision and satellite most major companies present. Many demonstrations of the latest models plus opportunities to try them out, competitions, seminars. I purchased. Westminster Exhibition Centre

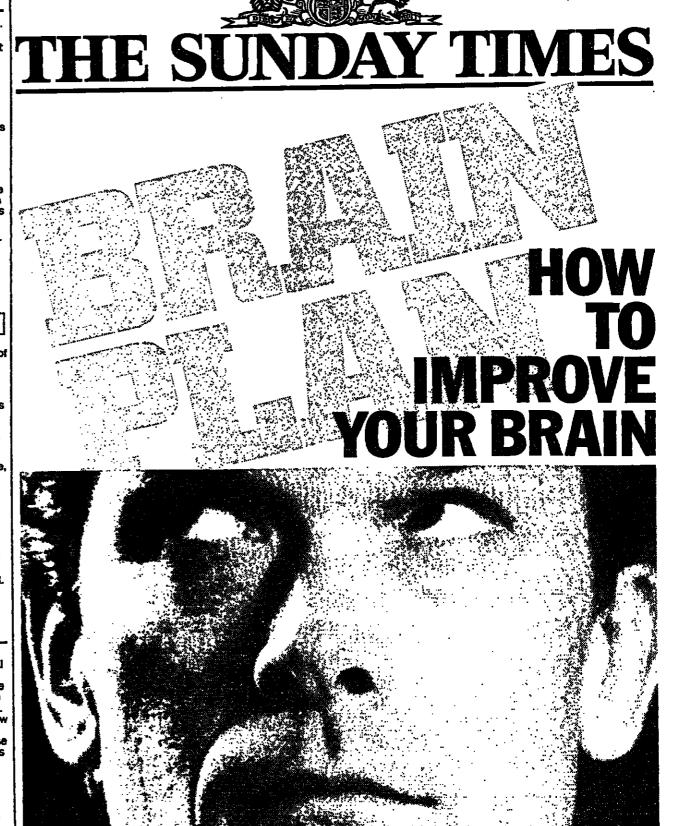
Horticultural Halls, Greycoat and Everton Streets, London SW1. Today 10am-7pm. Sat 24, Sun 25 10am-6pm. Adult £3.50. Child under 14 £2.50.

ANTIQUE DISCOVERY DAY: Someby's expents value your antiques and accept items for auction, in aid of the London ospital Theatre Wing Appeal Fairloowaters, Forest Road, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex. 10.30am-3.30pm.

LITERATURE FESTIVAL: Twenty-five years of writing a celebration of poetry and prose" - attended by national and international writers who have been associated with the department of literature since the university opened in 1964. They include Ben Okri, Andrew Crozier, Jeremy Reed, Elaine Feinstein, Ken Smith and Rose Tremain. Continuous readings from individual works plus open reading session tomorrow 2.30-4.30pm.

CHESHIRE COUNTY ANTICLIES FAIR: 30 dealers. beautiful gardens, refreshments, icensed bar. Artey Hall, near Northwich, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow 11am-5pm. Admission £2 includes catalogue.

Judy Frosbaug



TOMORROW

EATING OUT

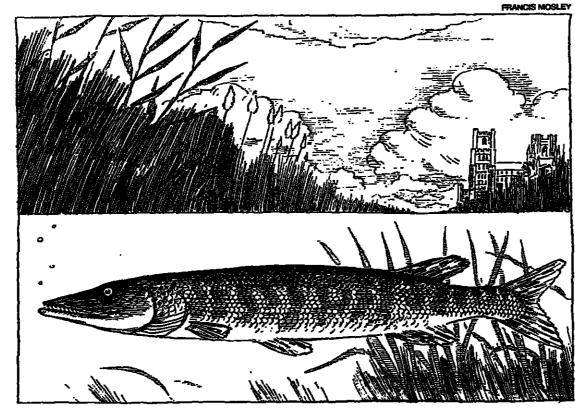
New ways for old

he Museum Street Café occupies a tiny room a hundred yards south of the British Museum. The room is an ad hoc conversion of what was presumably an office - there is an internal window to the corridor whereby it is approached, a corridor it shares with an outfit called Lobster: with a name like that almost certainly a design group, I'd have thought. But I wasn't sure, so went into investigative Mode. I opened the phone book — Business & Services A-Z London postal area, shuffled it analphabetically. Unlisted, Anyway, the fact of its sharing premises means that the Museum Street Cafe doesn't meet the building requirements that must be satisfied if a liquor licence is to be granted. sed - unfortunate, given the poor provision of wine shops in this area called the Cashmere Quarter - there are scores of shops elling wares confected from that delicacy, but there appear to be few shops selling wares confected from grapes. Be warned, for the cooking at the Museum Street Cafe is winefriendly; I drank fizzy water and believe - it's not an original belief that Pd have enjoyed the food more had I drunk wine instead

The food is simple, fairly robust, well flavoured, outdoorsy and belongs to the Age of the Enlightened Barbecue. I should point out that I didn't drink wine from choice: the establishment is punctilious about mentioning its lack of a licence on the phone. The place is, in all regards, thorough. The service is by a young woman who seems to have adopted the style of Greco (Juliette, not El) to restaurant waiting fringe, black clothes, grave de-meanour. She is painstaking, and turns out to be the baker too; the bread is as good as any in London. The night I dined there were three kinds, including a delicious and thankfully fruit-free walnut bread.

The combination of baker and bread lends the place the air of some sort of new age health-food establishment. And the cooking is almost puritanical in its eschewal of ss - there are no sauces, and most of what isn't chargrilled is roast. This truncation of technique does not make for variety, indeed it seems to hint at a wilful minimalism. Further, there are only two choices at any stage of the meal; for instance soup or salad, fish or fowl, fruit or chocolate. Within these marked limits, things are fine. The food, as I say, may be simple but it's not thick. It takes some skill to knock up decent dishes from such a

Jonathan Meades travels from the age of the barbecue near the British Museum through a time warp to Ely Cathedral



small palette. A soup of Jerusalem artichoke and garlic was light, smooth and pepped up only by some fried cubes of the tuber. A 'mandarin' beef salad included slices of grilled meat, a couple of sorts of leaf, and one of those oddball dressings that occidental cooks dream up when playing at chinoiserie; it included ginger, chilli, garlic etc., and was perfectly pleasant but rather pointless - a well-made vinaigrette is preferable, and doesn't prompt the thought that the same dish might be more confidently done in a Thai res-

taurant Both main courses were served with the same accompaniments lentils, as usual, and green beans; these were lightly and savourily dressed. Salmon was roast, and well this side of dry.

Chicken - inevitably maize fed was grilled and slightly burnt. The cheeses are English, the one sweet was a dish of three chocolate preparations - cake, mousse and shortbread.

The cake and the mousse were

good. The bill was £44, including a largeish tip for the diligent and efficient waiting. This is a calm and reticently charming restaurant which may deal in newly fashionable clichés, but at least does them with some aplomb.

The Old Fire Engine House is as close to Ely Cathedral as the Museum Street Cafe is to the BM. There are no cliches here, but that doesn't mean to say that the cooking (a very different sort of cooking) is

Indeed it might be improved by a few new-fangled ideas from the

THE MUSEUM STREET CAFE 47 Museum Street, London WC1 (01-405 3211) Lunch and dinner Mon-Fri. £44 (without wine -- unlicensed), no credit cards. THE OLD FIRE ENGINE HOUSE

25 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire (0353 662582) Lunch every day, dinner Mon to Sat.

fleshpots of southern Bloomsbury. But old ways die hard in the Fens it has, for instance, been a tradition since the days of Hereward The Wake that four-wheel-drive Suzukis loaded with guys in martial camouflage singing ancient Kenny Rogers songs should take blind bends at 70mph, and that the inmates should gesticulate obscenely to the vehicles that scatter from their path.

The old ways at The Old Fire Engine House are not to be dismissed or, at least, questioned because they are old, but because they don't make the best of the

This is a place that goes to some trouble to obtain, for instance, fish from the terrifying rivers and canals of the Fens, but which doesn't prepare them as well as it might. Smoked eel from Welney, i.e. from the 20-mile-long dead-straight nightmare called the Old Bedford River, is served on underdone toast. And pike is overcooked with a rather inexpertly made lemon and cream sauce; this was the first fen pike I'd eaten, and it was markedly

muddier in flavour than chalkstream, pike are.

Only old (and large) chalk-stream pike attain a similar strength of flavour, I suppose this might have been an ancient specimen — either way it should have been more thoroughly cleaned. Various other fish, notably zander, are to be had here from time to time, and they are probably worth trying in a spirit of curiosity rather than of gastronomic

I guess that the real problem with the cooking here is that its Englishness is unmitigated. Much of it is superior school-food: roast pork with crackling and a rather crude, lemon-flavoured stuffing, a pretty good vegetable soup based on an unusually ungreasy lamb stock, a roughish paté or form of potted meat called a mittoen which tasted the way store-cupboards of my childhood smelled - we knew a different gamut of spices in the Fifties, and this dish was a bit of a

The best items were a casserole of beef with Guinness and port, a boney but well-flavoured braise of rabbit, and a ham salad which almost demanded a bottle of salad cream beside it to complete a domestic still-life of 30 or so years

But the appeal of The Old Fire Engine House is not really meant to be gastronomic. Its greatest asset, one that it has nurtured, is that it doesn't feel much like a restaurant of the late 20th century. It's fairly relaxed - you are offered "seconds", the service is cheerful if rather forgetful, the lady in charge is vaguely school-matronish, the punters are the sort of people who are willing to incur stiff necks by gaping up at the cathedral's octagon, then contorting themselves to stare at

Everyone is well behaved, including children who can run about in the garden, which has high grey-brown brick walls, cherry trees and forsythia. The dining-rooms are handsomely furnished, airy, spacious. They are hung with the energetic works of local painters. I'm not sure if these count among the place's attractions.

I am, however, quite certain that the wines do. There are many of them and they are cheap. You can also drink Norfolk cider. If you value good intentions, handsome surroundings, a mansard roof, and the possibility of a post-prandial terror-trip to Denver sluice above accurate cooking, this could be the one. About £40 for two.

DIRECTORY

Stars - up to a maximum of 10 - are for cooking rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices are for a three-course meal for two. They include an apentif and modest wine in the case of french places, sea in the case of oriental ones and so on. or onemal ones and as on.

Prices change: they usually go
up. Dishes also may have
changed — they are given only
as an indication of the
establishment's repertoire, I
accept no responsibility for
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credit for hanne surraises. credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

LOTHIAN

The Champany Inn
Nr Linlithpow, Lothian (050 683
4532/4388)

The ne plus ultra of the steak house. The meat is "grown" by the owners but is, sometimes, comess aut s., sumerings, careleasty cooked. The gravadiax is the best in Lothien. The service is churchy, presentious. A genuine oddity and one that is worth risking if you can afford £100.

Main Street, Gullane, East Lothian (0620 843214) ****

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No choice "menu" in an 1890s artistic bungatow. The cooking is pretty good but tends towards the heavyweight. Excellent pigeon, for instance, is served with lentils and a creamy seuce and creamy potato gratin. Service, by the proprietor whose wite cooks, is not especially humied. Good wines at good prices, indeed the whole operation is very ressonable in that regard. 240-250.

MAYFAIR

28 Berkeley Square, London W1 (01-499 0363) ***

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A formerly louche club which has cleaned up its act. The bar is straight out of Manhattan, the dining-room is more or less True Brit — and it has a balcony which overlooks the square. This is one of the finest sites in London to lunch in. Some of the vaguety translatis cooking is notable — particularly the fishcates which must be the best ever. Decent short wine list and notably reasonable prices. 245.

Le Gavroche 43 Upper Brook Street London W1 (01-408 0881)

The various reputations are justified. The rather encien risigine meet cookery is outstanding: the daube of beel is massive and comforting. The service is marvellous and there is an awful lot of it. The prices, especially of the wines, are frightening. The besement dining-room is a shrine both to the Roux brothers and to stately sybaritism. The frivoilty of "experimental" cooking is totally shunned; this cooking is based in classical taste and is without girminicles. The tarte tatin is the best cimmicks. The tarte tatin is the best you'll ever taste. The places works like beneficent clockwork and is a neridous treat. At lunch two

might just get out for £65 to £70. In the evening £140 is nearer the

Minniya 38 Clarges Street, London W1 (01-499 2443) ***

Smart, expensive and folidorically formal Japanese restaurant whose food, despite its endlessly fussy appearance, is good. Fine fondant aubergines, grilled salmont, broth of green tea and sour plums, tea flavoured ice-cream. £70.

29 Maddox Street, London W1 (01-493 1228) ***

Pretty sound regionally eclectic Chinese cooking in smooth surroundings. The fried lamb with ginger is nice and the dish called chicken soong is worth trying. £45.

NEW FOREST

Montagu Arms Palace Lane, B Hampshire (0590 612324)

Not quite what you expect in a Fully Accredited Beauty Spot. This is a good hotal with a rightly promising restaurant that eschews the Tourist Board Englishry which such places tend to go in for John Mann's tend to go in for, John Mann's cooking is polished, and, in the case of his fish dishes, really excellent; salmon with delicate pasts, amaked salmon and crabtert. Vegetables are often inspire and the sweets are rice. However, the set of intensions from the real of the set of both duck and guines-fowl were pretty flawouries; maybe a new supplier is called for. Fine selection when including numerous half bottles. Good natured and well

ormed service, £70. Chewton Gien Christchurch Road, New Mitton, Hampshire (0425 275341) ******

This is the luxury hotel. Despite a rather unpromising setting in the sprawl of outer Bournemouth it sets the standard for all British "Country house" hotels. The service is astonishing; there is shvsys someone on hand, everyone is amiable, the place works like a well-ciled machine. Yet there is nothing impersonal about it. The cooking is luxury hotel stuff out done with a flair and tak is rare: scallops with shredded mangetouts and butter sauce; raviolis of fennel; millefeuille of selmon and spinach; sweetbree ot cheeses, terrific puddings. The les are not overpriced and there

are numerous good bottles for around £12. At dinner two will pay about £90, funch is less. The Three Lions ****

Stuckton near Fordingbridge. Hampshire (0425 52489) Hampshire (0425 52489)
Nicholas Ruthven-Strart cools game as well as anyone in Britain: rosbuck with mace sauce, pheasant and pigeon with papper sauce. Also: gratin of smoked haddock, a variety of top-notch fish-soups, sweetbreeds and kidneys with a vinegar sauce, lovely puddings. Long but not necessarily agreeable wine list. The dining room is part of a bitzarrely converted pub, the decor is discretely rom. 280, 240 at lunch.

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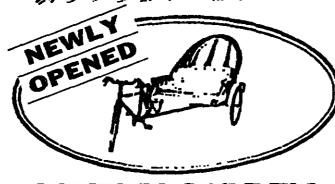
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FOOD

Robin Young puts the argument for eating baby vegetables, whatever the cost

n the Trobriand Islands a man's virility is judged by the size of the yams he grows. It is rather the same in some parts of Britain, where sturdy horticulturalists labour to bring forth ever more pendulous runner beans, or-giastic onions, leviathan leeks and massive marrows. There are, of course, prizes

offered. Unwins, for example, sponsors a contest for the argest pumpkin, with a British record to beat of 444 pounds, and a world cham-pion weighed in, in the United States of course, at 671

Now the snag with that is that no one can eat a three- or four-hundredweight pumpkin. It would be more profitable to heed E.F. Schumacher's advice: small is beautiful.

Marks & Spencer cus-tomers (at the food counters and not the underwear department, of course) adhere to that motto at any rate. M & S has made a profitable speciality of selling vegetables of Lillipu-tian proportions, at a mark-up which must strike some as Brobdignagian.

Baby leeks, for example, come at £1.19 for a six-ounce pack. You can have standardsized ones from the same shop for 89p a pound (and doubtless get less scrupulously trimmed and presented ones a lot cheaper still elsewhere). The "baby" vegetable is, in this case, a more slender version of the full-size job. Two elderly ladies in the shop while I was there had mistaken them for plump spring onions. There is little dif-ference in the length of the white between baby leeks and conventional ones and, as far as I could detect, no discernible difference in flavour. For cooking whole - as a starter in red wine, for example - the baby vegetables had an obvious advantage in making a prettier presentation, but it is usually possible to find stems of suitable size among loose

selections anyway. Baby savoys are not available at present, but when they were they were stunning - at least for cooks who, like me, have difficulty making cabbage look attractive. The crinkle-leafed heads could be cooked whole for those with big appetites or neatly halved for the more absternious, and they looked so neat and perfectly formed that I paid up without even glancing to see

how much more ordinary

A less than modest proposal



savoy I could have had for possibly half the price. It is the same with baby cauliflowers. These, 100, are fully mature vegetables, but they weigh less than a fifth of a traditional large head. Dwarf, l suppose, is not a favoured description nowadays, but these are really cauliflowers of limited stature, rather than babies. Marks & Spencer's price for two baby cauli-flowers, anyway, is £1.45, while this week ordinary cauliflowers more than twice the size of the two babies put together were selling at 99p. Courgettes, as you can tell

by their name, are supposed to he miniatures anyway. For most varieties the recommended size is three to four inches, whereas some in the shops make it to an overweight nine inches or even more. Baby courgettes are scarcely an inch long and but a fraction of the diameter of the

standard vegetable. At present they are £1.45 for seven

ounces, whereas ordinary courgettes with, I thought, more colour and flavour, are only £1.25 a pound. I thought the babies looked and tasted better in salads. I preferred full size for serving hot, whether whole or sticed. Baby carrots I would call small rather than baby. They are certainly larger than the first fingerlings pulled from the garden in spring, and of

course they do not have the distinctive flavour of new carrots either. Still, they sell at £1.35 for 10 ounces, while M & S's standard carrots are a mere 49p a pound.
I could not find baby pars-

nips in Marks & Spencer last week, but those at Tesco were mature in age and at least adolescent in size. They sold in packs at 55p a pound, while their bigger brethren were 39p am told, just sow a va a pound loose. Among root such as Lancer thickly.

vegetables it seems that the marketing opportunity for so-called babies arises chiefly from the fact that the vegetables we are used to buying have grown too big for their own good.

The most widely available baby vegetable is baby corn, imported from Thailand. A regular in oriental cookery and stir-fries, it is really not comparable to full-grown com on the cob, which has quite different uses. Nonetheless, I would personally rather have a pair of golden cobs for my £1.29 than six ounces of pallid

embryos. With potatoes the market eers manage to have it both ways. Big ones sell at a premium price as bakers, even when their variety is not really good for baking. Small ones, which not so long ago would have been chucked out for pigswill, become babies. For baby potatoes read under-

Marks & Spencer, un-like some super-- markets, does not sell "baby potatoes" as such, but it does currently offer "baby new" Egyptian King Edwards at £1.45 for 1½ pounds. Similarly packed and graded "new" Egyptian King Edwards of rather more generous proportions (still not big) are 85p for two pounds. That makes "baby new" potatoes two and a quarter times the price of standard — and King Edward, a maincrop variety, is not one that is traditionally used for "new" potatoes anyway. These Egyptian impos-tors have none of the flavour one would expect from new potatoes of the early varieties like Jersey Royals, Dilke of York, Arran Pilot or Maris

Bard. M&S says it is a trade secret how it gets its baby vegetables—though the current creche seems to be Spain. In most cases, though, it is something one could do at

The seedsmen and Morgan lists two mini-cauliflowers, Garant and Predominant, and recom-mends Suko baby carrots, which grow to about 2½ inches, even for window boxes or tubs. Cortina is a slim, carly-harvesting leek. Cricket-ball sized cabbages smitable for individual portions can be produced by planting the variety Minicole eight inches apart, and for mini-parsnips, I am told, just sow a variety

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Petite

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a lot.

Be it ever so humble, or new and exotic, the potato is the most adaptable of vegetables, Frances Bissell writes

apologies for celebrating the potato today, St Patrick's Day. I love this democratic veg-etable which first set sail from the New World - from the port of Cartagena on the Spanish Main, to be exact - in the middle of the 16th century. Although ideally suited to a northern European climate, as it was to the Andes, the potato took at least 200 years to catch on. Once its qualities were appreciated, however, it quickly became a staple. Today there are many varieties of potatoes, numbering probably in the thousands rather than the hundred dreds, growing around the world, particularly in the Andean countries and in the British Isles.

Looking at potatoes in Colombia, where a whole row of bins in the supermarket is given over to different varieties and sizes, I was interested to learn that experiments are being carried out on crossing the Colombian papa criolla with a Scottish strain of potato.

Although it is possible to track down exotic and unusual potatoes in the shops, and it is, of course, possible to grow your own, the likelihood is that you will have little to choose from in the shops. This is hardly surprising when you consider that only five varieties go to make up about 50 per cent of commercially grown potatoes not destined for the crisp packet. These are: Maris Piper, a main crop potato, usually described as a good all-rounder, suitable for baking, boiling, mashing and roasting; Estima, a second early - that is, harvested in July and August but with good keeping qualities, even into the spring; Wilja, a second early and, like Estima, suitable for most cooking methods, but this one is particularly good for chips; Pentland Squire, a main crop potato with a floury texture that makes it suitable for baking; and Cara, a relatively new variety of main crop potato, good for baking but suitable for all cooking methods, like the King Edward in size and colouring, with white skin, pink around the eyes.

Asperges (also known as La Ratte and Cornichon), Belle de Fontenay, Bintje, Charlotte, Desirée, Elvira, Epicare, Pink Fir for if you want to serve more unusual potatoes. These varieties have plenty of flavour, firm, waxy excellent in salads. Occasionally it is possible to find some of the 'designer" potatoes in supermarkets. Unless you are buying about 2in/5cm in from one edge of potatoes for immediate use, store them in a brown paper bag in a cool, dry, dark place, not in the polythene bag in which they are usually sold. Exposure to light will cause the potatoes to turn green. which indicates that the toxin solanin is forming under the skin: green potatoes should not be eaten.

Compatible might be a better word than democratic to describe the potato. It is so thoroughly adaptable that it is suited to the homeliest dishes as well as the grandest. Caviare and foie gras are current favourites in the restaurant world for putting with potatoes; the first served with a baked potato, the second thinly sliced and layered with thinly sliced potatoes and baked into a rich "gateau".

Today I have looked to the homelier dishes, many from Ireland, where potatoes make a good foil to a meat stew or eke out the

foil to a meat stew or eke out the leftovers. The first, though, is something of a show-off recipe, to be undertaken when you have plenty of time and patience. It is good with grilled fish or meat but really quite fine enough to stand on

Potato, Parmesan and leek strudel (Serves 6)

3oz/85g flaked almonds 2oz/60g ground almonds 6-8oz/170-230g butter

%ib/340g leeks, white part only 1/20t/280ml milk 1 bay leaf

2 cloves 11/2 lb/680g potatoes

1/4 lb/110g freshty grated Parmesan 4 sheets file or strudel dough

Separately fry the flaked and ground almonds in a little of the butter, and put to one side to cool. The flakes should be crisp and golden, not brown. Peel, trim and thinly slice the leeks. Wash thoroughly to remove any grit, shake excess water from them, and cook until just tender in the milk, with the bay leaf and cloves added.

rain the leeks and put to one side. Reserve the milk and discard the bay leaf and cloves. Peel and boil the potatoes in lightly salted water. Drain and mash them with a little of the milk in which the leeks were cooked and some more of the butter. Season lightly with salt and pepper, and stir in 10z/30g of the Parmesan and the cooked leeks.

To assemble the dish, liberally Apple and Roseval are varieties to brush each sheet of dough with melted butter. Lay one sheet on top of the other and then scatter the flaked almonds, ground almonds and 20z/60g of Parmesan over the whole surface. Lay the remaining two buttered sheets on top. Spoon the mashed potato in an even line the pastry. Roll up carefully, and transfer to a buttered, floured baking sheet, curving it slightly to fit if necessary. Brush the top with the remaining melted butter, sprinkle with Parmesan, and place in the top half of a pre-heated oven at 190°C/375°F/gas 5 for about 40 minutes until golden brown.



Shepherd's pie and cottage pie (Serves 6)

Using minced lamb for the first and minced beef for the second, these are excellent dishes for using up the remains of a large joint, although they can be made from scratch with raw minced meat. Grated cheese, egg yolks, herbs, cream, spring onlons are some of the things which can be added to the mashed potato topping for variety

1 medium onion, peeled and finely

1tbsp olive oil 1½tbsp/680g minced lamb or beef %pt/140ml meat stock or gravy

1-2tbsp port or red vermouth 1tsp soy sauce or Worcestershire

pinch of ground mace or nutmeg pinch of ground allspice, optional pinch of chopped fresh rosemary or 1tbsp finely chopped parsley or

1½lb/680g mashed potatoes (mashed with a little olive oil while

Fry the onion in the olive oil until light brown. Mix with the meat, liquid, spices, herbs and seasoning, and spoon the mixture into an ovenproof dish. Spread the mashed potatoes over the top, and Bake for 40 to 45 minutes in the top half of the oven, pre-heated to

180°C/350°F/gas 4. Potato and bacon soup

(Serves 4) 1/2 Mib/110g smoked or green streaky bacon

1lb/455g potatoes

hot buttered toast. 1½pt/850ml stock (Serves 6) 14pt/140mi single cream The classic proportions for this onions as meat and twice as much 2lb/900g middle or best end of neck

stewing lamb 1/4/10/2009 onions, peeled and thinly

3lb/1.35kg potatoes, peeled and

1 bay leaf 1 sprig thyme

pepper

1tbsp chopped parsley

Remove as much fat as possible from the meat. In an earthenware or similar ovenproof casserole, build up layers of potato, meat and onion, seasoning lightly and finish-ing with a layer of potatoes. Tuck in the bay leaf and thyme, and pour in 4-1/2pt/140-280ml water, enough to stop the contents burning in the initial stages. Cover and cook in a preheated oven, 170°C/325°F/gas 3 for two and a half to three hours.

(Serves 4)

1½lb/680g mashed potatoes

4 or 8 cooked lamb chops or cutlets %pt/200ml lamb stock or gravy from

utter a pie dish, and spoon in about two-thirds of the mashed potato, smoothing it with the back of the spoon to line the dish. Lightly salt and pepper. Arrange the chops on top, and cover with the rest of the mashed potatoes. Bake in the top half of a preheated oven at 180°C/350°F/ gas 4 for 35 to 40 minutes, until the potatoes are golden brown and the meat thoroughly re-heated. Bring the gravy to the boil, make a small hole in the potato crust, pour in the gravy, and serve the pie immediately.

Boxty or potato bread

1/2/200g old potatoes, peeled %pt/70ml water %ib/230g mashed potatoes

½ib/230g plain flour 1tbsp baking powder 3oz/85g melted butter

bacon into matchsticks. Put it in a

1tbsp chopped parsiey

Remove the rind, and cut the

heavy saucepan, and cook gently

until the fat is rendered. Peel,

quarter and dice the potatoes, and

cook them in the bacon fat. Peel

and thinly slice the onion, and add

this to the pan. Cook both veg-

etables without browning for eight

to 10 minutes. Pour on the stock,

bring to the boil, and simmer,

covered for 45 minutes. Blend,

process or rub through a sieve, or

leave it as it is according to how

you prefer the consistency. Stir in

the cream, bring back to the boil,

and season to taste. Stir in the

parsley and serve. I particularly

like this soup with thick slices of

should bite the bullet and

deliver a hard, no-nonsense

first Budget. In this health-

conscious age, drink is a

natural target for tough Chan-

cellors. So anyone who, like me, takes a childish delight in

cheating their coffers of a few

pennies should visit their off-

licence today or on Monday.

that they will have to cater for

a wedding or other large party soon would be wise to buy in

their sparkling wine now. An increase of a few pennies per

bottle may not sound much,

but it adds up considerably if

you have to buy a wine in

bulk, Remember, too, that

champagne and all sparkling

wines, no doubt due to their

"luxury" connotations, carry a

higher rate of duty than table

wine - £1.18 per bottle com-

champagne will be going up,

and has just brought in a

shipment of 1983 Blanquette

Majestic Wine Warehouses

pared to table wine's 77p.

As always, those who know

Grate the peeled potatoes into a bowl with the water. Stir with a fork, and then pour through a fine sieve into a bowl, pressing well down on the potatoes. Dry the grated potatoes on a clean tea towel, and mix with the mashed potatoes. Let the potato starch in the water settle, and carefully pour off the water. Mix the starch with the potatoes and the rest of the ingredients. Shape the mixture into a ball, and roll or pat it into a flat round cake. Make a cross on top, dividing the loaf into four. Bake on a greased floured baking sheet at 180°C/350°F/gas 4 for 40 to 45 minutes. Serve hot, pulled into four pieces, split and spread with

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DRINK

Budget is a tough one, as some City folk are hoping then drinkers will cestainly be in his sights on

Our politicians have long diked to argue that Britain is, and always will be, a beerproducing and drinking nabon. Wine, they maintain, is a huxury foreign beverage and should be taxed to the hilt. As for spirits, forget about our own sizable whisky and gin industries; everyone knows how dangerous high-strength alcohol can be. Thankfully, Britain's entry into the Euro-Pean Community toned down this unbalanced viewpoint and reduced our over-taxation of wine: Brussels insisted upon a Community-pegged ratio between wine and beer duty of roughly three to one. which is what we still have.

Wine may still be viewed as a luxury item by Westminster but the EC directive, coupled with our ailing beer trade, has ensured that duty increases over the past five years have occu minimal

There were no increases last Year, just a few pence more on wine, sherry and port in 1988, and no increases on either rise or spirits in '87 and '86: 1985 was the last year that table wine, fortified wine and spurits all had duty increases. and even then the steepest rise was just 9p up on spirits' duty. Apart from pegging wind duty to that on beer, the EC

A Wine Cellar? But I haven't even got a Cellar.

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that members dun't need one in thereing fine wither ter produced an even notion for Britain's drinkers a few years ago: harmonization. This meant that Brussels expected Britain's exorbitantly high duties on wine and spirits to be harmonized with the minimal duties levied elsewhere in Europe, leading to a hefty drop, we all thought. But such Brussels co-operation did not last long, and the weasel word "approximation" rapidly replaced harmonization. Britain's Chancellors would continue to fill their coffers with millions of pounds brought in from the Excise duty and VAT charged on wine and spirits but, in order to show what good Europeans we really were, they would gradually be "approximated" to those of other EC countries. Given the static duty rate, I take this to mean that we will wait for the rest of Europe's duty levels to catch up with

Mrs Thatcher and, presumably, Mr Major are very keen on allowing "market forces" to bring about any changes that are deemed necessary. However, it is not at all clear which way this Government will jump after December 31 1992, when we enter a free European market. Currently there is nothing to stop a British wine merchant travelling to France after this date, purchasing and paying the minuscule French duty on a container of wine, bringing it home and selling it at a vast profit. Clearly, the Government will have to come to

some decision about this soon. Apart from EC complications, the Chancellor has inflation to contend with, and will be acutely aware that an election is coming up in 1992. Wines and spirits are both included in the retail price index and any alterations Champagne and other sparklers should be on the weekend shopping list for Budget beaters, Jane MacQuitty reports

Popping a cork at the Budget



will add to the rate of inflation.

Moreover, the drink industry is not in great shape at the moment. Even if drink to reconcile himself to a drop even tighter, no one I have

a 1989 Château La Jaubertie

Company £4.29, Majestic Wine

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Rosé The Victoria Wine

pink wine drinking. This Bergerac Rose from

an invigorating juicy-

great spring swigger.

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Warehouses £4.19

upwards on their duty levels in revenue from this sector in 1990. For wine and spirit traders 1989 was a dull trading year, culminating in a depressed Christmas season. With interest rates likely to duty remains the same on rise again during 1990 and Tuesday, Mr Major may have consumer spending squeezed

> WINE BUYS wine with its strawberry larn scent and full-bodied, spicy taste, blessed with lots of bite and backbone, will be only at its best with food.

 Vin de Pays des Côtes de Gascogne Victoria Wine £2.49 These white Vin de Pays wines are everywhere and represent some of the best value-formoney dry French white wines on UK shop shelves. Vic Wine's light, clean, zesty citric otlenng is a good example of

booze business is predicting better results for 1990. Yet for all the damage likely

to be done to the Government's image by possibly encouraging inflation and flying in the face of the EC authorities, some City analysts are

 1988 Cháteau de Paraza, Minervois Oddbins £3.49 This Cuvée Spéciale, as the label states, makes better winter than summer drinking. But no matter for its warm, aromatic, spicy-inky style will go down well with most March

 1986 Château de Berbec Sweet dessert wine alternatives to Sautemes are pricier than they should be, but this Premières Côtes de Sordeaux offering with its full, rich, luscious marzipan fruit is a keenly priced alternative.

is sure that sparklers and

de Limoux, Cuvée Réservée, as a Budget beater. This is a smart move, for I enjoyed its fresh, musky-fruity scent and taste, and priced at just £5.49 it is bound to sell out fast. Another good pre-Budget alternative to champagne is Charles de Fères méthode champenoise sparklers, made just outside the Champagne region, that I wrote about a Limoux, but trade up to the

few weeks ago. The Flowers Blanc de Blancs Brut Réserve (£5.54 from Berkmann Wine Cellars, 12 Brewery Road, London N7) is not dissimilar in style to the Blanquette de bouncy, biscuity, champagnelike Brut Tradition (£6.54, Berkmann Wine Cellars) and you will not be disappointed. If it has to be champagne, and for lots of weddings it does, then take advantage of

Oddbins' offer of seven bottles of champagne for the price of six. This ensures that seven bottles of good, ordinary, nonvintage grandes marques champagnes, such as Laurent Perrier's well-made, appley, non-vintage Brut, work out at £11.90 per bottle, instead of the usual £13.99.

Low-price, Budget-beating wines are not really worth buying, as the savings are so small. On a £2 bottle of wine, you will be paying 77p in duty and 26p in VAT, making a total of £1.03 which, when taking into account the bottling, distribution and over-head costs, leaves precious little for the cost of the wine. The Wine Society calculated recently that, given these fixed costs, drinkers of £3 bottles of wine would actually be drinking wine worth five times the value if they traded up to a £5

on may think these duty levels sound extortionate, but pity sherry and port drinkers. Sherry drinkers who purchase the better quality £3.69 bottles are donating £1.72 on every bottle in duty and VAT to the Chancellor. Similarly, port lovers donate an impressive £2.21 to his coffers on every £5.99 bottle they buy. However, the folk that I feel sorriest for are spirit drinkers, who hand over £4.73 in duty alone to the Chancellor every time they buy a 40 per cent bottle. This means that on a £7.50 bottle of whisky the Chancellor's share, if you take VAT into account too, is a staggering £6.71worth. Come Tuesday, Mr Major may well need some Dutch courage to do his duty. I suggest Lagavulin's glorious Sixteen Year Old Islay malt whisky (Oddbins £16.99 until April 2, The Victoria Wine Company £16.79). Its de-licious, powerful, bold, pearrecked and iodine-like flavours may well give him the steel and determination he

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Epitomizing some of the more intelligent aspects of the 1960s iconoclasm: Miller, Bennett, Moore and Cook

Before, during and after

During his school-days at Radley, Peter Cook was caned by the future England cricketer, Ted Dexter, for drinking cider at Henley Regatta; or so Ronald Bergan assures us. Perhaps there is an idea for a book here. It would consist of two chapters on life in the Radley classrooms and tuck-shops, followed by short biographies of Cook, Dexter, and two other old boys who have achieved distinction in, say, forestry and ballet.

That would not make a lot less publishing sense than the curious artefact Bergan has produced here. Back in 1960 Alan Bennett, Jonathan Miller, Dudley Moore and Peter Cook came together to create the revue Beyond the Fringe, but, with the possible exception of Cook each has gone on to construct his own more substantial career. And will fans of "the priapic though repressed Dudley", as Bergan characteristically calls Moore, happily battle through longish accounts of the plays of "butcher's son Bennett", or the

Shakespearean productions of "Jonathan Swift' Miller"?
Still, one would not wish to underrate Beyond the Fringe itself. It may not have caused both "the death of traditional revue and civilization as we knew it", as Bergan quaintly suggests. But it epitomized the more intelligent aspects of 1960s iconoclasm; and at the very opening of that decade. Before Cook founded Private Eye, or the television show TW3 popularized the word satire, the revue was mocking Macmillan as a senile blimp, nostalgia for the Few as the mawkish "aftermyth of war", and

Civil Defence as a sustained fatuity.

Benedict Nightingale

BEYOND THE FRINGE ...and Beyond By Ronald Bergan Virgin, £12.95

It did so with verve and wit, too. When they first met to discuss their coming collaboration, in a shabby Italian restaurant near Euston, the author-actors were no longer honing their comic skills as Oxbridge undergraduates. Miller was an aspiring neuropsychologist: Bennett was preparing an MA thesis on Richard Il's retinue; Moore was a jazz musician; and Cook, then the best-known of the four, had contributed sketches to a West End revue. They were an oddly assorted lot, seem to have disliked each other at the start, and did not always get on well after-wards; but within a few months their late-night show was at the Edinburgh Festival, and picking up the plaudits that were to take it to London and Broadway.

Bergan has some nice anecdotes about the revue's production -Donald Albery thought the donnish-looking Bennett should be fired and the project as a whole was sure to fail - but he could tell us rather more about the creation, development, performance, and even content of its sketches. As it is, the bulk of the book consists of biographies that he somehow contrives to make both too long and too skimpy. These are most interesting when he is considering his subjects' earlier years. For instance, we learn that Miller is Bergson's

great-nephew, Bennett considered going into the Church "not for any better reason than that I looked like a vicar", and the future screen star of "10" and Arthur was terrified of women, perhaps because he was (as Bergan breezily puts it) "the club-footed son of a railway electrician, brought up in an ugly housing

estate in Dagenham".

The trouble comes when Bergan tries simultaneously to evoke and assess the four men's post-Fringe lives and accomplishments. Moore and Cook did their Dud and Pete act on television, after which one went to live in a pink house near Hollywood, and the other allowed his career to flounder on in London. Bennett wrote some good stuff about human loneliness for stage and television, and Miller turned from medicine to the classical theatre, with results varying from the thrilling to the meretricious. The latter two, in particular, deserve crisper, more incisive consideration than they receive here. Unfortunately, the impression one often gets is of an intelligent author hurriedly patching together a book for readers of

the showbiz pages. Yet that hardly excuses all the name-listing and name-dropping ("the role of Mrs Swabb was played by Patricia Hayes, everybody's favourite cleaning-woman") or the brash, saloon-bar prose. Bergan's is a world where shows open "in the glaring light of London's West End", the BBC "dons a miniskirt and starts to swing with the times", and records sell "like condoms at an AIDS convention". Even a misconceived book could be more gracefully turned.

Two views of the sacred and profane

Like most people, I observed the rumpus caused by Salman Rushdie's Satanic Verses from the cheaper seats at the back of the hall. It is a good thing to have someone correct the over-simplified assumptions which, in a semi-conscious way, we are likely to hold about the Muslim community in Britain and in the world as a whole. Malise Ruthven does not concern himself with adjudicating between the claims of freedom of expression and the right of protection of religious sensitivities. Instead, in this notably thoughtful and wellinformed book, he puts his readers in a position to approach the

problem in a less ignorant way.

His first point is that the Mus-lims of Britain came here almost entirely from the subcontinent of India. The Muslims of that part of the world, 300 million in number, are the largest element in the world's total of about a billion. Two hundred million are Arabs of one sort or another. (Other groups, in descending order of size, are those of south-east Asia, of sub-Saharan Africa, Iran, and Turkey). Each of these groups is different from the others and most are internally divided as well.

Secondly, Muslims take the Koran to be the literal word of God, ventriloquially conveyed through Mohammed. For them it is much more an incarnation of God in the world than the Prophet himself, who remains definitely human, even if closer to God than anyone

The Indian origin of British Muslims and the Muslim view of the nature of the Koran have implications which Malise Ruthven illuminatingly explores. He shows that the idea that the world's Muslims make up a homogeneous community, hierarchically submissive to some central authority, is entirely mistaken. In this religion there is no Pope, nor, really, a priesthood. Its adherents are divided in all sorts of ways. Arabs, whose language is that of the sacred, and not permissibly translatable, text, are more at ease in their faith than those who do not speak Arabic. The passionate reaction of British Muslims is in part due to that, in part to their understandable sense of being a **Anthony Quinton**

A SATANIC AFFAIR Salman Rushdie and the Rage of Islam By Malise Ruthven Chatto & Windus, £14.95

beleaguered minority in this This sensitivity had been brought

to a head not long before by the Honeyford incident, in which a Bradford headmaster had been forced from his post because of his reasonable objections to the absenteeism of Muslim pupils, and his less reasonable ones to the serving of ritually slaughtered meat. Muslim reaction to Rushdie's book was not spontaneous. It was incited and kept alive by the Central London Mosque, which aspires to spiritual authority over British Muslims, and which is sustained by Saudi Arabian money. Ruthven suggests that the issue was seized on as a move in the competition between Saudi Arabia and Iran for leadership in the Muslim world. An intensifying factor was the politics of India and Pakistan: in the former there was a general election in the offing, in the latter it served as a challenge to the secular-minded government of Benazir Bhutto.

Khomeini's call a year ago to the faithful to kill Rushdie led the Sandis, in Ruthven's words, to wash their hands of the matter in the face of this Iranian political opportunism. Its more general effect was to bring opprobrium on the Muslim world. (When an Egyptian zealot pronounced a similar fatwa against the Nobel Prizewinning novelist Najib Mahfins,

incidentally, he was sent to prison). The Muslims of Britain are still angry, having been stirred up by people with quite other interests than Rushdie's blasphemies. He does not escape criticism in the book, however. Brought up as a Muslim, he ought to have known that the book would give acute offence. But he could hardly have predicted it would lead to 21 violent deaths. Some whiningly self-righteous letters he wrote to Rajiv Gandhi are quoted. His book

has been banned in India, Pakistan, and South Africa, but not, appar-

ently, in Iran.

There are several ironies in the situation. Rushdie and Khomeini are both hand-biters. Khomeini in the traditional way: after being given refuge in the West, he went home to launch a violent assault against it. Rushdie, more risibly, having bitten the hand of "Mrs Torture", then scuttled into the protective embrace of her police state. On his behalf Britain's tenuous diplomatic relations with Iran were broken, and incitement to murder him has been officially deplored.

British Muslims are the immigrant group most committed to Mrs Thatcher's ideals of family life and individual enterprise. Boxed in here by immigration laws, they feel more isolated than ever, their support from the British Left eroded. Ruthven argues that Muslim culture is still largely oral: in it language is seen as an instrument of power, not an object of cool, reflective contemplation. A Satonic Affair is calculated to raise the level of argument as the two colliding indignations continue to grind against each other.



Enter the cosmic joker

It is a growing phenomenon of current science fiction that it is having its concepts heftily rearranged in the manner of a pugilist's face: knockabout rather than spaced-out. The Universe is becoming a laughing matter instead of anti-matter. Comic irony has entered the soul of the genre in a way I cannot recall in all my addicted years.

So, to the top-selling ranks of humorists such as Douglas Adams and Terry Pratchett, let us welcome Mr Rankin, whose pop-oriented narrative sometimes reads like The Sport newspaper made credible, and who can yet turn the idea of solipsism inside out so convinc-ingly that you wonder if the author is, in fact, dreaming the reader rather than the other way around.

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GRAFTON BOOKS

SCIENCE FICTION :-**Tom Hutchinson**

> **ARMAGEDDON** The Musical By Robert Rankin Bloomsbury, £13.99

Rex Mundi starts working for Buddhavision and - escaping death by a thousand TV-edits - finds that the whole planet Earth may be an alien television show. The book's structure could do

with a more severe scaffolding, and it will go on about Brussels sprouts to an extent that suggests a fetish. But the guffaws are there, all right, in a novel which, in approaching the mysteries of existence, is laughing instead of weeping - but, so dim-witted is the hero, he hasn't

quite heard and understood the

● Verbivore, by Christine Brooke-Rose (Carcanet, £12.95). Beneath the puns — a man called Perry Stryker, "who sang Freud with sang-froid" — is a chilling alarm about the info-tech age, when the mega-computers, bloated with too many words, start to byte back. A one-note idea that is stylishly accomplished, and to be read at a gn.— (SPLUTTER). MESSAGE ENDS.

● Angel Station, by Walter Jon Williams (MacDonald/Orbis, £12.95). A spacewise crackler, with all the pavement street-jargon and then some, alive and swell and jiving in the persons of Ubu Roy courtesy of Alfred Garry — and his sister Beautiful Maria, trying to recover from bankruptcy after the suicide of their father. He fashioned his progeny from a clothing-rack of patched genes. Pell-mell pace, with poignant moments such as the death of an android mistress, and Dad's ghost haunting like Hamlet's Pa - but in hologram form.

● Orbital Decay, by Allen Steele (Century/Legend, £14.95). Frontier-town stuff, reminiscent of a high-tech Western, revolving around the great revolver of Olympus Station, the Skycan, and the beamjacks such as Virgin Bruce who gather there. Heinlein would not have been displeased to be quoted in this debut-context; it has that sort of grandeur.

● TekWar, by William Shatner (Bantam, £12.95). While acknow-ledging the help of writer Ron Goulart, Mr Shatner — Captain Kirk of Star Trek - was obviously determined to boldly go where none of his crew had gone before. The result "strides purposefully" over the clichés, as framed ex-cop, Jake Cardigan, is released from coma, and becomes a private eye. It says nothing that hasn't been said before, but it says it quite entertainingly. Jake has the makings of a TV hero, all right ... to be played by William Shatner? As for me, I'll just watch the umpteenth re-run of the great original.

● The Dark Door, by Kate Wilhelm (Gollancz, £13.95). Science fiction's American doyenne re-introduces her husband-andwife investigators, Charlie and Constance, unlocking an Old Dark House interface between earth and Somewhere Else that's igniting fires. A readable mix of Agatha Christie and Close Encounters and

Englishwoman, good-looking, with red-gold hair, passionate energy, and something of a gift for charming those who she felt might be of use to her. Her mother died when she was young. Her father was a captain in the 17th Lancers, posted to the Curragh a year after the Fenian Rising of 1867. The young Mand first identified herself with the Irish republican cause about the time of her father's death, when she was 20. She claimed in her autobiography that before his death he had resigned from the Army to stand for Parliament as a Home

and Gonne was a six-foot

A nationalism coumed b Maud Gonne was a remarkable and independent woman, but her contribution to Irish politics seems mostly of mythological signifi-cance. She has been described as Ireland's Joan of Arc and also as Cathleen ni Houlihan, the personification of nationalist Ireland. She played the title role in W.B. Yeats's play about Cathleen ni Houlihan, and no doubt this 2ssisted her contemporaries to halfcredit the notion that she was the Rule candidate, but this was wishwoman promised in ancient legend,

possessed of magical powers and the strength to free Ireland from British rule. Yeats, himself an unrequited lover, called her first "a burning cloud", but his final poetic verdict has Maud Gonne as "the loveliest woman born/Out of the mouth of Plenty's horn", who had bartered that inheritance for "an old bellows full of angry wind" because she was cursed by "intellectual hatred".

Even allowing for Yeats' bitterness (he once proposed marriage Robert Nye

MAUD GONNE: IRE LAND'S JOAN OF ARC By Margaret Ward Pandora £8.99

first to Maud and then to be illegitimate daughter Iscult; and was turned down by both on the ... same day), this will strike disinterested reader of Margatti

Backbone of the nation

n September Women's Institutes all over the country will celebrate the founding of the first WI branch 75 years ago with - you've got it - a nice cup of tea.

ful thinking.

It is this endearing determination to do what is sensible rather than what is fashionable that may ultimately, alas, be the WI's downfall in this image-conscious age. It must be one of the most loved and one of the most laughed-at of our national institutions, yet really it is a very serious organization, which, as these selections from its own magazine show, was encouraging green living long before that fashionable phrase was ever coined.

Though the WI seems as English as the Pac-a-Mac, it was in fact a Canadian, Mrs Madge Robertson Watt, who brought this idea for bolstering up the Home Front across the Atlantic in 1915. Mrs Watt was clearly the right woman in the right place at the right time. Within a few years a National Federation had been formed, Queen Mary had requested the setting up of a branch at Sandringham, and the WI was launched on a programme of good works from which it has never rested since.

Anyone suffering, as I do, from rural nostalgia, should buy For Home and Country. It makes me deeply grateful that I do not have to manage an earth closet or wash up in the company of Major Philipson-Stow, author of a no-nonsense article "Washing Up - A Scientific Approach" (1946), whose method cannot have left much time for actually eating meals. The average pre-war WI member can hardly have known what leisure meant. If she had any, advertisements (some starring an afien with a death-wish. of the most fascinating things in the Hazel Leslie

FOR HOME AND COUNTRY: War, Peace and Rural Life as Seen Through the Pages of the WI Magazine 1919-1959 Compiled by Penny Kitchen Ebury Press, £5.99

book) urged her to take up beekeeping or make extra pin-money with a knitting machine. The chair made from an apple barrel (1922), though an interesting idea, is obviously not for sitting on.

From very early on the WI made itself felt, pressing for improvements in village water supplies, rural transport and family health care and housing. With the Second World War it really came into its own. WI members threw them-

selves into the breach, welcoming evacuees, recycling old pots and pans for armaments, digging for victory, knitting balaclavas, renovating shabby clothes with hot bran (truly), and devising fragal yet nourishing recipes which, it was suggested, might be cooked in hayboxes to save fuel. They also preserved the nation's fruit crop by turning a large part of it into jam —
an activity from which the WI's
image has never recovered.
After the war the WI began to

apply itself to environmental is-sues chemicals in the countryside, preservation of ancient buildings, the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. In 1930 the magazine quoted C. E. M. Joad's aphorism: "It will be said of this generation that it found Engthis generation that it found eng-land a land of beauty and left it a land of beauty spots." Well at least, thanks to the WI, the beauty-spots now probably contain a litter bin.



"How did she expect to get between the rows?", a WI cartoon of 1928

Back to

Edward Buscombe

LITTLE VERA By Maria Khmelik Translated by Cathy Porter Bloomsbury, £7.99

re the Russians just ns? Glasnost has at he made it possible for artists. soviet society. Shall we now cover that 70 years of semiengineering have produced a people whose problems are only too finding to us in the West? Little Verills the heroine of a hugely successful in novelized form. She lives with the in novelized form. She lives with her parents in a cramped flat in a grant industrial port. her father dries. and is by turns quarrelsome

Vera thinks she might become a telephonist, but only because she can't think of anything else. She and her friends mooch areas. listening to pop records and retiles into fights at the local disca districts into an affair, and the boyfriend moves in with her family. in a dranken stupor her father state the boy. To keep her father out of prison Vera is forced to lie to the police about what happened Arthough the boy comes out of hospital and in a desultory sort of way the affair is resumed. Vera's father desults of a heart attack, and the less that of the film is a slow track acress the polluted landscape of Zhdanovsk.

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Since winning the Smarties Grand Prix in 1988 with a rather soppy book about a bear, Martin Waddell has been hot property as a supplier of texts for picture books. Last month saw no fewer than four turn up with his name on the title-page. Three of these were modish and insubstantial; but the fourth, The Hidden House, has altogether more distinction.

The text - which doesn't quite add up to a story - concerns three wooden dolls, hewn by an old man "to keep him company". Then the old man goes away and doesn't come back; and the three dolls sit quiet on their windowsill while their home is engulfed by trees and bushes and spiders' webs. Eventually, though, rescuers arrive: a family with axes and ladders and paint-rollers. The house blooms with new life, and the wooden dolls become part of a family again.

The plainness of Martin Waddell's descriptions, broken only by occasional interjections, gives ample space for Angela Barrett's lavish picment. She finds images that body torial accompani-

Out of the wood

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

THE HIDDEN HOUSE By Martin Waddell Illustrated by Angela Barrett Walker Books, £7.95

out the bare bones of the words - a sapling bursts through a scullery floor, the rescuing family walk into the book down a tunnelled hedgerow, the dolls themselves sit out their vigil impassive but alive. These sensitive, detailed, never pretentious pictures are a fine example of the il-



On the trail of the native American

Navajo Indian rites are not what the English reader necessarily wants to know a great deal about, and it is a measure of Hillerman's skill that he manages to tell us a lot without being too boring. His sixth book featuring the Navajo detec-tives Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee shows no signs of exhaustion with the theme. This time, though, some of the action shifts to Washington DC, where Chee is on the trail of an Indian rights militant museum curator, Leaphorn is seeking the identity of a man killed in the desert. Their cases expand and enmesh, casting spells on characters and readers alike.

● The Girl With The Red Suspenders, by Barbara Whitehead (Constable, £11.95). Sensitive widower Dave Smart stumbles on body of stunning social worker, respectably dressed but for the accessory of the title. A missing twin brother and an old friend of the family hold the clues, followed with increasing emotional commitment by the sympathetic Smart and young sidekick Jenny Wren, revealing along the way the seamy, ugly side of

● Stalking the Angel, by Robert Crais (Piatkus, £11.95), Second appearance of wise-cracking Los Angeles private eye Elvis Cole does not disappoint. Unpleasant big businessman hires Cole to find family, but his teenage daughter vanishes at a reception in his

Marcel Berlins

TALKING GOD By Tony Hillerman Michael Joseph, £12.99



Casting spells: Tony Hillerman honour. This is LA wearing oriental garb, teeming with eastern evil and un-American traditions. Fast moving and forever witty.

• Other People's Money, by Arthur Lyons (Macmillan, £10.95). Another Los Angeles PI, Jacob Asch, seedier and gloomier than Cole, but no less attractive. Hired to follow a Turkish runaway girl and her Greek lover, Asch finds himself in dangerous pursuit of a OI TOSE Hittite artefacts for a rich museum. To-the-point dialogue and tough action, but Asch is not a happy

● A Lesson in Dying, by Anne Cleeves (Mysterious Press, £11.95). Old-fashioned in the best sense: a much disliked headmaster found hanging in the schoolyard, and a small Northumbrian community, full of people with disparate homicidal motives, gradually revealing its nasty secrets, but not before more dying. A good debut for Inspector Stephen Ramsey: quiet, puzzled, very human.

• The Touch of a Vanished Hand by Anthony Quogan (Macmillan, £10.95). Amiable playwright-sleuth Matthew Prior, asked to complete a musical started by recently dead former popstar, discovers dark doings in the late composer's life. Strange happenings in Canadian theatre-town devoted to J. M. Barrie has roots in Sixties Britain, Superior writing and plotting, lashings of humour, altogether an excellent follow up to last year's impressive first-timer.

 The Body Politic, by Catherine Aird (Macmillan, £10.95). Mining expert returns unexpectedly from Middle East and promptly dies; a Tory MP receives oral and written death threats; a historical society uneasily re-enacts a Civil War battle. Aird's delicious concoctions are never less than elegant and manipulates her often bizarre plots and people with confidence.

In search of an England that never was

When you are rooted in a place,

direct link between such poets of the early 18th century and the nostalgic yearning of the Georgians

Chesterton (who was in fact discussing Kipling) took this disappearance of England to be a good thing — he was, in turn, part of this

very tradition of disappearance, with his belief in a medieval Merrie

England, and his romantic venera-tion of the decency of the little rural

man. John Lucas, unsurprisingly, takes this disappearance to be a bad thing, and is himself part of a newer

tradition of academic dissent rooted in the work of the critic

Raymond Williams. This is, in-

deed, part of the problem with

Lucas's unsatisfactory book: Williams' The Country and the City is forever breathing down the neck of Lucas's slighter but derivative work. This particular territory is so

well ploughed that all Professor

Lucas can do is fall into the

tested. You find out what version

of England your selected poet (Clare, Gray, Wordsworth, who-ever) is offering. You note that this version is an idealization (usually a

pastoral one) of harsh realities:

where are the agricultural workers?

Where are the references to Enclo-

sures? And then, the inevitable

conclusion - this poet's version of

England is exclusive not inclusive,

this poet is appropriating an au-

thority - the authority to speak of

and for England — which he does

not in fact possess. When Raymond

Williams first did this in a previous

Hogarth Press book, it was thrill-

ing he drew our attention to those

parts of England which had dis-

appeared, which had been made

invisible. He gave a voice to the

voiceless. But John Lucas is far

from thrilling his methodology is borrowed, his insights merely be-

queathed by better critics, his

language as bare and banal as

academic discourse can be without

actually erasing itself from the page.

still with his analyses of Goldsmith,

Blake, Wordsworth, and Tennyson.

The methodology is tried and

predictable furrows.

of the early 20th.

James Wood

G. K. Chesterton once wrote, that place disappears. You take as given what should perhaps only be taken **ENGLAND AND ENGLISHNESS** as lent; you assume as inherited Ideas of Nationhood in that which should be invented. Nationhood becomes an attribute rather than an activity. English English Poetry 1688-1900 By John Lucas The Hogarth Press, £18 literature — and in particular English poetry — is full of instances of such "disappearance": again and again, poets define England at the It is this: all writers who write about expense of one group or another, or idealize as pastoral that which is in reality far from ideal. There is a

England offer a version of England; but this does not necessarily mean that all writers are addressing ideas of nationhood, or what it means to be English. In writing about nationality, one has to keep the focus tight, or the categories simply expand and fill with air. Of course all English poetry is in some way to do with Englishness; but then all English poetry is also in some way to do with language. Much of Professor Lucas's book is an uninspired survey of the main themes of 18th- and 19th-century poetry, with Englishness forced into the argument to make the critique a little more exciting. To take one instance, Lucas writes of Wordsworth's rewriting of some of the poems in The Lyrical Ballads. Rightly, he stresses that this was part of Wordsworth's adjustment from an earlier radicalism to a later conservatism. "And so, whereas in The Lyrical Ballads he had thrown into radical doubt any reductive idea of a unitary image of the people and, by implication of England and Englishness," so Wordsworth's image of the people becomes, "by implication", his image of England and Englishness.

Similarly, Lucas discusses Arnold's poem *Dover Beach*, and points out (predictably enough) that Arnold lacks the authority he assumes, when he condemns the entire world as having "neither joy, nor love, not light". Lucas takes this - again by implication - to be a dismissal of England, since clearly, Dover Beach is on some level a poem about England. But on what level? That is surely the interesting question, one which Lucas will not answer, because he is too busy assuming that Arnold's poem is about England on all levels. And yet Arnold's elegy Thyrsis, which directly links the loss of England with the loss of a friend and fellow poet (Arthur Clough), does not appear in this book. But this is a poem directly, rather than indirectly, about England and Englishness. In this dangerous area of writing about nationality and its representations, in which the poor critic is beset by all temptations, one cannot live on implication alone.

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that she campaigned on behalf of to be either Communist or Fascist' Irishmen imprisoned by Irishmen. Her passions were straightforward,

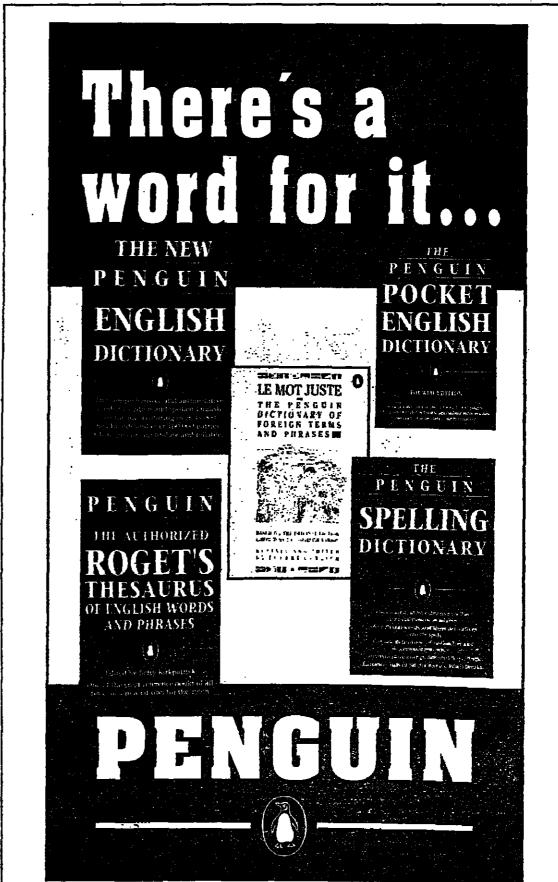
but her mind was not. Margaret Ward tells an interesting story well on the whole, though I detected some discomfort in her attempts to make sense of Maud Gonne's political opinions later in life. She quotes, for example, an article which Maud Gonne wrote in 1938, entitled "Fascism or Communism", in which it was suggested that while Ireland might not "want it would be a good thing if Ireland had the courage to "look at the good points where the two contrary systems agree". Margaret Ward's comment on this is: "In this article Maud reveals herself to be on the side of progress and so I prefer to think of her as a social democrat, whether or not she would have described herself in those terms." Since this social democrat is admitted in the next sentence to have been also anti-Semitic, and then

pro-German, and her lover Millevoye was an anti-Dreyfusard of the far right, I prefer not to think what other social democrats will reckon of Miss Ward's attempt to get Maud Gonne into bed with them.

Her politics were at best a decent commitment to the struggle of the poor and the oppressed. At worst they came out as curious rhetoric recarding Ireland as "the allprotecting mother" who had to be released from "the bondage of the foreigner" in order to "protect her children". Since, at the same time, Maud Gonne also confessed to Years that she had an aversion to sex, I suspect that Sigmund Freud would have found her quite

BOOKS NEXT WEEK

Bettelheim, Enright, Mary Wesley, Narayan, Ginzburg



o the British viewer it is an reday story of city folk, a view of tern life that is the late 1950s ward a new genre, the kitchenle Vera in British cinema is urday Night and Sunday Morn-. Since then, countless imitations rievision have made a cliché out Figure squaler and the boredom of istrici life. But to the Russians h things on the screen have all shock of the new. he great Russian writers of the

tentury, such as Dostoevsky Gogol, certainly did not shy iv from the seamy side of life the National Film Theatre in alon reveals that before the took a sombre, even morbid wel human existence. But since Soviet cinema has been at the ince of a relentless optimism, in th, with very few exceptions, in problems could only be titled if they were located firmly he past. Now, almost overnight, finns can see on the screen the wdepiction of alcoholism, teenbereing problems, pollu-Patic shortages, all spiced with at Stalin. (The town itself is after Zhdanov, "whom Genlissimo Stalin had put in charge

My million Russians flocked to Link Vers. The book version . In appendix which reprints a tion of letters from the audito the makers of the film. The ments are polarized between * which weiceme the film's esty and those demanding its ression. Should we be sur-ied that Russia has its own Whitehouses? The one scene plick sex in the film arouses indigention of seven elderly in from Gorky, who are cs-ally outraged that Vera does not in the missionary position.

destroying the country's

Obsessed by the past

fone were given to literary predictions, one might tip Janice Elliott to win the Booker Prize one day -- or become one of those who shouldhave-done-so-but-didn't-quite. This is not to say that she should have done so with Life on the Nile (Sceptre, £3.99), which, like the pyramids, looks flawed on close inspection. But it soars high enough above the desert to confirm that she is a writer to be reckoned with.

The central character is Mrs Charlotte Hamp, touring Egypt with husband Leo (a travel writer and amateur archaeologist) and a caravan of travelling companions. But their meanderings are only half the story. The sub-plot concerns her great-aunt Phoebe Duncan, the wife of a British colonial administrator, who was murdered in Egypt 60 years before. While others are browning themselves beside the pool, Charlotte pores over her file of Phoebe's letters, obsessed with uncovering the truth behind her

death. The weakness is that the mystery which surrounds this is more captivating for Charlotte than the reader. The balance between the 1920s and the 1980s, in a country where ancient and modern are so casually fused, is very clever. The gradual unfolding of the tale(s) until the final denouement and catharsis is well conceived and brilliantly executed. None the less, the epistles of Aunt Phoebe induce

an irresistible tendency to skip. Despite Charlotte's preoccupation with the past, it is the present which remains the more beguiling. Janice Elliou's dest descriptive work on Egypt is matched by her perceptive characterization. The strectwise American expatriate,

FICTION

Henry Stanhope

Hal Douglas, and the frail, elderly Jew, Max Stiller, are surpassed only by the cameo of Pansy Duncan, Aunt Phoebe's "baby" daughter, now a sick recluse in a grubby room above a shop in the bazzar. Istanbul, with its gleaming cu-

polas and silvery Bosponis, provides the setting for Penelope Gilliatt's novel, A Woman of Singular Occupation (Penguin £4.99). The heroine in this case is Catherine Rochefauld, the musically gifted wife of a Vichy French diplomat, Jean-Pierre, from whom she is estranged by her own affiliation to de Gaulle.

No sooner has Catherine set foot in Istanbul (after getting out of Paris before the advancing Wehrmacht) than she starts an affair with a young banker whom she bumped into on the Orient Express. The intrigue, however, is by no means exclusively amorous. The undercurrents of war ripple through this antique neutral city, engulfing all in espionage and danger. This sounds like - and could very well become - 2 Hollywood film script. As a narrative it is somewhat over-cryptic. The love affair drifts rather than progresses, and the menace never quite materializes. Someone takes a pot shot at Catherine at a party and shatters her neighbour's wine glass as she ducks. But the sang-froid displayed suggests (but falls short of) a send-up. In another highly promising encounter, Catherine

confirms to her husband that he has

been cuckolded while thrashing

him in a quiet game of draughts.

But Jean-Pierre, like everybody else, turns out to be a distressingly good loser. Still, the blend of light romance, cryptic plots and Cinemascopic scenery must surely seence a producer one of these days.

Among Women Only (Sceptre, £3.99) was written by Cesare Pavese shortly before his suicide in 1950. It concerns the relationships between a group of women, particularly between the materially successful Clelia and the emotionally disturbed Rosetta, in postwar Turin. Beneath the interminable round of pleasureseeking, there remains a feeling of loneliness and vacuum which culminates in the novel's tragic end. It clearly reflects Pavese's own despair, but now reads like a period piece of literature in which it is hard to feel personally involved.

Nina Bawden's novel, A Little Love, A Little Learning (Virago, £4 99), is set not many years later than Signor Pavese's, in London during Coronation year. But any similarity between the two books ends there.

Narrated by Kate, one of three young sisters, this is the tale of a middle-class English doctor's household, whose serenity is shattered by the past when Aunt Hat, an old friend of the family, comes to

Ms Bawden's characters remain creatures of fiction who rarely acquire a third dimension. She is, however, a polished storyteller, whose books have a beginning, a middle and an end. The result is a readable, intelligent (dare one say?) woman's novel whose transatlantic pace and style (even the names, like Boyd and Ellen, sound American) should guarantee her another

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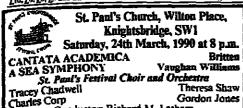
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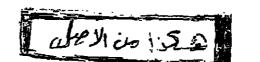
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Yet in less than three months in

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THE ARTS

When the funding dries up

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

In the week when Richard Luce the Minister for the Arts, announced what promises to be either another rearrangement of the deckchairs on the Titanic or the greatest rethinking of regional Arts Council policy in its history, BBC 2's Public Eye last night came up with a useful survey of the whole subsidy-versus-sponsorship debate.

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True, the only reference to this week's story came in the last line of Peter Taylor's commentary, and the report was also oddly outdated in failing to note such recent developments as the imminent reopening of the Royal Court's Theatre Upstairs.

But the central thesis was more adequately expounded: at a time when the Royal Shakespeare Company and Covent Garden are each £3 million in the red, and when the National Theatre and English National Opera are likely to report £500,000 deficits, possorship is proving at best to e an only marginal solution. Meanwhile, the coming of the poll tax will reduce the role of local comcils still further,

Any arts-company's budget still has to come from somewhere. The RSC, the company most liately threatened by its need close at the Barbican, is managing to pay more than half its costs at the box office. This leaves only 30 per cent to be found by a government which has resolutely fused to keep its own promises by index-linking its grant.

Meanwhile, Royal Insurance is said to be reconsidering its RSC spensorship; the breath is being squeezed out of the Bard; and by its constant economic besitations, the Arts Council is encouraging commercial backers to behave likewise. Indeed, Mr Luce achieved an extra £3 million for the council last year, but that arrested the crisis only temporar-By, If you have the vision, as Terry Hands said on last night's programme, the funds can always be d. The problem is that visions seem not to be very high on the present Government agenda.

More cheerfully, last night's Arput (BBC 2) was a little gem bought in from Spike Lee in New York. At a time when, as Richard Merrison recently noted in these columns. a capella singing in Britain seems to be the exclusive property of nice young men from Oxiridge, in Brooklyn it belongs to black groups of immense choreographic energy. This was rightly celebrated by Lee in a wonderfully quirky film that should serve as a model to arts producers here for its enthusiasm

Discs and jockeys

> RADIO Martin Cropper

The Gloria Hunniford Gold Cup Special (Radio 2, Thursday) will have puzzled those pumters who thought that the Cheltenham Gold Cup was sponsored by the Tote. May we now look forward to the Brian Redhead Grand National? But the real question is why

Humiford had been chosen to front the coverage of National Hunt racing's day of days. Terry Wogan at the Eurovision Song Contest makes perfect sense, because it is a case of like talking to like. Hunniford at the Chelten-

ham festival was just Irish.
With her first record, "Murphy's Dancing Pig", the nature of
her audience became clear: blind Hiberulan expatriates with a taste for feeble music. Racing favourites such as "Walter In The Control of the Co "Hey Big Spender" and "In The Country" were interspersed with . . on-the-spot interviews.

She decided early on that the occasion was exciting, and sought confirmation from many sources. She proved herself an adept of the art of asking questions that seem to require precise answers but are in fact open-ended. "What was it like? How did you feel? How confident are you?"

Horse sense is the faculty that prevents horses betting on humans. Everyone canvassed was terminally confident about the chances of the great white hope Desert Orchid, which as we know took the most tremendous bath.
"He's not going to let his punters
down, is he?" John McCristick

There is satisfaction to be derived from bearing 90 minutes of foregone conclusions oversumed by events. Then, when Desert Orchid's owner finally emerged. be met the full blow-torch of the Hunniford third-degree: "At what stage were you extremely worried that he wann't going to make it?"
Then we heard "The Whistling

> UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OPERA **UN GIORNO** DI REGNO BLOOMSBURY THEATRE 7.30pm MARCH 20th, 21th, 21th, 24th

Andrei Plesu once risked death on behalf of a jailed poet. Now the Minister of Culture faces different problems, Sanda Miller writes

Fighting the good fight in Romania Plesu was one of six writers who effect on the morale of actors,



Andrei Plesu: 'I took . . . risks. I could no longer bear to stand aside'

for a decade. When I was ushered into his grand ministerial office in Bucharest I felt apprehensive. Would I recognize the young writer with whom I used to haunt the streets and cases of Bucharest in the late 1970s, when I returned to my country of birth on a three-month British Council exchange scholarship?

My anxieties were groundless. As affectionate and mischievous as ever, Romania's new Munister of Culture greeted me with a story about an interview he had given in his car to a particularly insistent BBC journalist. He had been delighted when she discovered she had failed to record it.

Although a professional art historian and a successful writer, Plesu has attained his present position almost by accident. In January 1989, in an official memorandum, he volunteered a full analysis of the political crisis in Romania.

"During the last years of the dictatorial regime, I took more public risks. I could no longer bear to stand aside." The memorandum, according to Plesu, put on paper all the verbal grumblings of the Romanian intelligentsia.

It was apparently received courteously. "I was even called and praised for my courage." Meanwhile, the poet Mircea Dinescu was arrested for publishing an interview in Liberation openly criticizing the regime.

signed a formal letter of protest. This led to Plesu being exiled to arts institutions were hardly sup-

a village in northern Moldavia, where he remained until the revolution, after which Dinescu censor and lackey. Plesu has (by now in the forefront of the new National Salvation Front) suggested that Plesu become Minister of Culture.

The task is clearly a struggle. He spoke frankly: "I am tired and not doing so well because the existing structures are difficult to eliminate and the mentalities even more so. Thus I have to spend my time on trivia, such as fighting to replace incompetent personnel. People are scared of change; they put up fierce resistance with which I battle every day until apoplexy."

The problems are made worse

by the small budget for culture under the Ceausescu regime: 600 million lei (£17 million), twothirds of which was immediately designated for the despused Cintarea Romaniei": an annual folly of monumental proportions consisting of amateur artistic manufestations in praise of the two leaders and their party.

Everyone in the country was expected to take part in this festival, held in July or August in all the towns and villages. Because Ceausescu openly loathed the highbrow arts, he used to encourage the ordinary people to perform, in the belief that the natural talent of the Romanians would surpass that of professionals

This, of course, had a shattering

revolution - are in poor shape, riddled with bullets. singers and painters. The national Plesu intends to decentralize the ported and the sole function of the

arts, to allow independence to publishers, and especially to encourage translations of political and scientific material from abroad. New institutions will also be founded; an institute of oriental studies and a museum of religious "all of which costs money ... we need to put up a good fight".

Plesu's policy is to draw into official cultural decision-making the intellectuals previously regarded as dangerous dissidents. The problem is that the intellectuals fear the political situation may change once more after the elections on May 20. Until then, Plesu is unable to find people with the right qualities to run the ministry. The people in the administration in the past had no training whatsoever, and few people in the country have suitable experience or education to meet the new conditions.

Plesu says his role is administrative, rather than political -"unlike that of Vaclay Havel for instance" - and hopes that he might bring to politics "a very necessary type of dilettantism . . . a kind of freshness the West has lost". But there was something familiar about his purpose as he swept away in the ministerial car, after a brief embrace, "I am off to see the Prime Minister, Petre Roman, to haggle for more

Working hard, saying little

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Sunday in the Park with George Lyttelton

This is a musical about an aloof, dedicated artist whose work often proved too strange for the critics and public; about a perfectionist who laboured with a strenuous delicacy to get the tiniest detail right.

In short, it is a musical about Stephen Sondheim. True, the nominal subject is the painter Seural, At root, however, it is camouflaged self-portrait and credo, as personal a show as its and an imaginary mistress, Dot, composer has penned. Hence its intermittent fascination and also, perhaps, the tedium which its visual wit and musical bravura cannot disguise.

Steven Pimlott's production, weaker than its American proto-

basic problem is that we know no more about the hermit Seurat than about the recluse Sondheim. He spent his short life saying little, working hard, and doing nothing much else but father one child, who died young. What plot can the librettist, James Lapine, find in

Not much. Since Seurat is busy on his vast Grande Jatte, its human figures wander round the park where he painted it, chattering, quarrelling, conducting amours. But the impression they give is as skimpy as you would expect, given that their purpose is to appear in an impressionistperiod picture. That leaves Seurat himself, his grumpy mother, a snooty academician called Julius,

this human vacuum?

But they prove wretchedly pre-dictable. "Always changing! Why keep changing?" typically hurrumphs Gary Raymond's Jul-ius. Meanwhile, Maria Friedman's Dot and Philip Quast's Seurat play that old, sad game, neglectful artist

type, does not always help; but the and exploited helpmate."Yes, George, run to your work, hide behind your painting," she wails. "I am not hiding in my canvas, I am living in it," he retorts. A bit

later, and she is dangling their infant daughter over his palette, while he reacts with the conscientious brutality traditionally ascribed to genius: "you're blocking my light".

So much for Act I. There remains a longish coda in which George's greatgrandson, also an artist, has parallel troubles with the American cognoscenti. In the Broadway original, his work consisted of criss-crossing laser beams; here, it is a "mixed media" spree, with androgynous mimes cavorting in coloured lights. Either way, the result is a trip to Paris and an inspirational meeting with Dot's ghost, who urges the lad to "move on".

There is visual delight in the way Seurat assembles the characters into a giant replica of La Jatte itself. But it is engineered more sparingly and awkwardly than in New York. Moreover, Friedman's spirited Dot is the only principal whose voice and personality both come strongly over the footlights. Beside Mandy Patinkin's original George, Quast seems underpowered and over-amiable.

But there remain Sondheim's score, with its drive, bustle, and pointilliste plunks and plonks. The music can be melodious, the lyrics amusing; but at their most striking you feel they are obsessively tapping, hammering, grinding their way into the mind of Seurat as he experiments with colour, decides how to paint a hat, or thinks his way into a dog's ego.

That, if anything, is the show's

instification. It is undramatic and dull. But the best of its songs represent Sondheim the introvert, Sondheim the ravelled pioneer, restlessly and often dissonantly evoking the creative process and its meaning for those artists who can say, with him, with Seurat: "I Maria Friedman as the spirited Dot: a strong voice and personality am what I do."



Facetious choreography to the music of Mozart; I Surrender, Dear by Adventures in Motion Pictures

DANCE

John Percival

Adventures in

Motion Pictures The Place

Why is it that graduates of the Laban Centre, named after one of the most intellectual of modern dance pioneers, go in for so much facetions choreography?

The very title of Matthew Bourne's group, Adventures in Motion Pictures, lets you know what to expect. Bourne, like Lea Anderson with her two segregated groups, is seriously talked of as an important new talent, but we need Marley, another much-hyped exto get our categories right. What Laban choreographer. I Surrenboth are offering is a form cabaret entertainment. As such, I suppose Bourne is the

most gifted. His latest offering is a series of sketches about English attitudes to French life and Every possible stereotype is in The Infernal Galop, but there are a couple of original ideas, too: the

slowest can-can you ever saw and an annusing mer-man who is caught by some cheerful sailors. The action could be tightened up and so could the performances,

but the costumes by David Manners are neat. The first half of the show is given over to a new piece by Jacob

der, Dear seems to be about people - or, perhaps, one person with imaginary playmates - getting psyched up for a late night at the

Simon Vincenzi's designs put the whole cast in to drably-cut manve frocks which suit the women almost as little as they do the chaps. The largest section of the collage score is borrowed from

Marley's attempt to put steps to this is not to be compared seriously with Alston's for Rambert the night before. But it does bring the score for the week to Wolfgang Amadeus two, British choreographers oil.

Power limps towards weariness

Jeremy Kingston

Births, Marriages and Deaths Southampton

This slow and limping play about student ideals corrupted by chance and pride has been described by someone high up in TV South as a powerful theatre piece. But he would, wouldn't he, because his company and Tyne Tees have come in with the Nuffield to produce a stage play which will subsequently become a six-part television serial.

What this turns out to be like I gratefully leave to my colleague in the top-left corner of this page to

pace up and down his room while watching it, tear at his beard and probably end up throwing his TV dinner at the set

In the theatre we have to behave ourselves, when what we really want to do is dash out in the interval to buy a bag of old tomatoes and throw them at someone. Not at the cast, who do what they can with the foolish lines and skeletal characters they have been told to animate. Some fail more dismally than others, but it is towards Nigel Baldwin, the author, that the squashy vegetables should wing their way. Especially as he is the director,

The three scenes of the first half show us five students at a school

discover. At least he will be able to of journalism in 1973. All are having affairs with each another and betraying friends while rabbiting on about the treachery of

the capitalist press. The second half brings the poor saps together again in 1990. Surprise, surprise, some have sold out to the Establishment, the mousey student has become a heroic front-line journalist, and so

A writer alert to the way chaps, giris, journos, novelists ("It's a lonely job") actually talk in one another's company might have made something of this theme.

Emma Dewhurst and Joe Caffrey, wheel-bound reporter and vindictive schoolboy, generate moments of credibility, but what a weary evening to sit through.

Manic vision under the microscope

CONCERT

Hilary Finch

Philharmonia/Sinopoli Festival Hall

It was, for once, a programme tailor-made for Giuseppe Sinopoli. That manie microscope vision, those wilful tempi, those glutinous legatos about which he has been harangued for the best part of the week, could at last

come into their own. Of course, that is not to say that his would be everyone's idea of Ravel and Schoenberg. But the

Valses nobles et sentimentales

thrive on the capricious, and give

off a certain heady scent of their own when every fine-grained chord, every vein of melody is picked up by hyper-sensitive antennae. It is one way of doing Ravel which can, and on Thursday night did, come off.

Schoenberg's challenge to Sinopoli was the sheer size of his orchestra for the symphonic poem Pelleas und Melisande and the polyphonic complexity of the core. Sixty-four strings, quadruple woodwinds, eight horns and much more: we certainly did hear them all and in circumstances in which the undue prommence of certain soloists only served to heighten the burdensome qualities of this score. Again, Sinopoli conducted as if

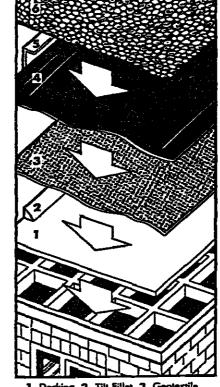
he were recomposing the music. But with its trombone glissando, its plaited tresses of woodwind, its own suffocating melding of instrumental voices, whether in scherzo or in rhapsody, this is music which is fascinated, obsessed even, with its own craft. Sinopoli's reading emphasized a vulgarity genuinely at its heart.

Sibelius, too, wrote incidental music for Maeterlinck's Pelleas. However, this was the night of the Violin Concerto, and Kyung-Wha Chung responded to Sinopoli's extreme orchestral pianissimi by playing of platinum perfection, retaining the tension of its difficultues while diffordessly stirring the more inert passages of its orchestral writing.

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High on farmyard and trolls

O Grieg, Ibsen's Peer Gynt was "the most unmusical of subjects": so the score which at last flowed from his pen is as much of a miracle as Declan Donellan's current National Theatre staging of a play which Ibsen himself originally conceived only in the mind of the reader.

With the upsurge of interest in Ibsen and, thanks to BBC Radio, in all things Scandinavian, any new recording of Grieg's Peer Gynt is likely to come under close scrutiny. What is more, Herbert Blomstedt's single disc of most of the incidental music, with some dialogue, comes only a year after Neeme Járvi's two-disc complete recording with the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra, so comparison is inevitable.

What we lose in the San Francisco's version is much of the dialogue, and the fragments which Grieg wrote for the episodes of the Woman in Green and Peer at the Statue of Memnon. We also miss the wedding dances for which Jarvi obligingly hired a real Hardanger fiddler.

The most substantial shortfall of Blomstedt's recording, though, is in the orchestral playing itself.

After his outstanding recordings of Nielsen, it is disappointing to hear his orchestra produce such a laboured lament for Ingrid, such a scrawny "Morning". These two pieces need the nicer balance and pacing, the longer breaths and the onalescence of Jarvi's players. Blomstedt, though, certainly scores on the cow-dung and the trolls. His herd-girls may remain prima donnas, but the sheer plod and odour of The Hall of the Mountain King is there in the rhythmic bits of the strings and the raw cries of his Nordic trolls. A delectable Solveig offers consola-tion in this recording, too: Mari-Anne Haegeander sings with a line as creamy as summer milk in the igh pasture. wrote for his brother-in-law's play,
Italy was the birthplace of both Death; and Saraste captures well

CLASSICAL Hilary Finch

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Ibsen's Peer Gynt and of Sibelius's Second Symphony. He sketched the second theme of its Andante while he was in Florence and, like Ibsen, revealed himself as ever more the man of the north the further south he went. Jukka-Pekka Saraste brings out that archetype of "northernness" as we hear it in Sibelius in a dreamlike, under-stated performance of the symphony, stronger on subtlety than on swagger, more at home in the tensions of the slow move-

ment than in the more extrovert energies of the first and last. The opening, in fact, lacks impetus, and the recording, too, needs more acoustic space to enable the thematic material to glow out in bold relief. A somewhat charmless trio in the Scherzo leads into a Finale in which the woodwind's perky theme loses some of its thrill when moving into the major, simply because adequate momentum has not been built up. Saraste and the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra are at their best in the cameos which imaginatively fill out this disc.

The meditative playing he draws so well from the strings is ideally suited to the little-known "Scene with cranes". Like the "Valse triste", this vignette comes from the incidental music Sibelius

the volatility of pulse and tempo within each piece. Nightride and Sunset, a 13-minute tone poem, is excitingly played: its long gallop is driven on through a landscape of ostinato-like rhythmic patterns voiced by tense woodwind and iolted by the tambourine jingle of a horse's belis.

Bruckner is beginning to flood the record market, and it is quite some inundation. Just two examples from the many new perfor-mances and re-releases on offer have prompted the generally heretical thought that, for our decade, private listening might well do for Bruckner what live performances can fail to do. For, compared with Mahler, Bruckner is still not a hox-office draw. It is almost as if, coming from the hyperactivity of our multi-faceted daily lives, we find Bruckner's mighty system of branching, organic growth almost too much to take in at once. Our concentration spans can baulk when faced with romantic music which is devoid of any self-dramatization, any ironic pose to hang on to.
As Robert Simpson has written

of the Fourth Symphony, Bruckner created a new type of finale: one motivated not by dynamic culmination, but by the "uncovering of a deep layer, an objective state, behind or beneath the rest". That state may, for many listeners, be best discovered in the solitude of private listening Riccardo Chailly and the Royal Concertgebouw certainly have Bruckner coursing through their veins, and they offer a lucid, single-eyed approach to the Fourth Symphony.

This is not a performance which overwhelms in its commitment indeed it is probably one of the least "Romantic" of readings of this eponymously named work, Chailly keeps the first movement light and mobile, letting the famous Bruckner triplets slip by perhaps just too easily, but coaxing the sweetest of playing from the woodwind as the air thins. The



Brackner coursing through his veins; light and mobile, Riccardo Chailly coaxes "the sweetest of playing from the woodwind as the air thins"

Bruckner's sense of chaste distance, with a lean cello line, vibrato not overdone, pauses not

Bruckner's Sixth, the Cinderella among the symphonies, is tackled by Christoph Eschenbach's Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival Orchestra. In the circumstances of a live, one-off festival performance by a body of widely-drawn players, this was perhaps a wise choice: less is demanded in terms of long-term

vision and deeply assimilated wisdom. Bruckner, in fact, called this the cheekiest of his symphonies, and Eschenbach plays up the first movement's metrical complexities, and the fleet miniaturism of the Scherzo with its spectral Trio. He is at his best in the sighing chromatic lyricism of the second movement's finely graded string writing; at his weakest in the firm control of texture and tempo still essential in the outer two movements.

CLASSICAL UPDATE

Gibbons: Cries and Fancies Fretwork (Virgin VC 7 90849 2) The tedious Cries of London are here, but vastly outweighed by fantasias which the viols of Fretwork weigh out with gravity, a rich, wheezing ensemble sound, and a big, physical relish of the fas

Wagner: Tristan und Isolde Vickers, Nilsson/Böhm. Rodolphe/Harmonia Mundi (RPC 32553.55, three CDs) 1973 recording from the Orange amphitheatre, dominated by Vickers's expressive power and by the of Nilsson, working together with Böhm against the wind and

Gunning for the emotions

ow that Courtney Pine has temporarily dropped from view, it is Steve Williamson's turn to dominate the jazz media. Another former member of the Jazz Warriors big band, Williamson has been a cult figure on the London circuit for the past two or three years. But while Pine has already released three solo records plus a film soundtrack, William-

son has only now made his debut. Recorded in New York and London, Waltz for Grace confirms his position as the most impassioned of the new saxophonists. His aggressive, selfconfident stance is sure to make this a popular choice among his club audiences. Whether it will have as much impact beyond that sphere remains to be seen. Though there are flashes of brilliance in this album - and some faultless playing from the rhythm section there is also the same problem that has affected his live concerts. Williamson too readily slips into JAZZ

Clive Davis

Steve Williamson Waltz for Grace (Verve 843-088) Marcus Roberts Deep in the Shed (Novus 83078) Mike Westbrook Band Off Abbey Road (Enja/TipToe CD888-805)

bombast, taking a sawn-off shotgun to virtually every solo. Over an entire album, the result is predictable. For all their harmonic sophistication, jazz gunslingers can be just as boring as heavy metal axe-heroes.

Nevertheless, the album is memorable for its strong melodies. Unlike some of his contemporaries, Williamson rarely seems to be indulging in classroom exercises. With the American saxophonist Steve Coleman acting as producer on most of the tracks. the band creates a convincing blend of American and Caribbean

"Visions", a ballad from Stevie Wonder's 1973 album Innervisions, allows an all too rare moment of introspection. With Dave Gilmore adding guitar accompaniment, Williamson's understated approach comes as a stark contrast to the rest of the

If much of Williamson's work is overheated, pianist Marcus Roberts comes weighted down with the cerebral ideology of the threepiece suit, neo-conservative school of young musicians. In these quarters, emotion is treated with suspicion, if not disdain.

A sideman with Wynton Marsalis, Roberts went solo last year, going to the top of the jazz album charts with The Truth Is Spoken Here. Its successor covers similar ground, the six self-penned compositions played with impeccable manners by a band that includes saxophonists Todd Williams and Herb Harris and the trombonist Wycliffe Gordon.

"Nebuchadnezzar" opens with a stately march, laced with Elllington-style reeds voicings. But the Duke would surely never have stood for such stiff-necked soloing. For the rest, it is difficult to keep subversive thoughts at bay, especially when so many of the titles - "Spiritual Awakening", "Mysterious Interlude" sound like cast-offs from the bad old days of Emerson, Lake and

Mike Westbrook's latest project comes as something of an antidote, in the form of a re-working of the Beatles' Abbey Road. First commissioned for a festival in Reggio Emillia, the work had its London premiere last month. The live recording, from a performance at the Willisau Jazz Festival, shows that Westbrook has not lost his ability to find unexpected Andy Grappy's tuba introducing "I Want You" is hard to resist.

depths in over-familiar songs. Phil Minton's vocals are still impossibly eccentric, but the idea of

After a career dogged by drug addiction, the West Coast alto player unleashes a Ipanema – The Bossa Nova Years (Verve 823611, four

are not to be overlooked.

Astrud Gilberto The Astrud Gilberto Album (Verve 823009) Marty Paich contributes the string arrangements to the

ROCK UPDATE

Midnight Oil: Blue Sky Mining (CBS 465653 1) Socially conscious Aussies sible for the estimable "Beds are Burning" single return with another collection of peerless rock song structures, catchy choruses and lyrical clenched fist salutes.

Despite the earnest tone, Peter Garrett's hard, cocky voice is never less than riveting.

And Why Not?: Move Your Skin (Island CID 9935) An assured and versatile modern pop statement grounded in reggee and funk, which sounds as fresh and bright as a

Mantronic: This Should Move Ya (Capitol EST 2117)
In the wake of their hit "Got
to Have Your Love", the rapper
MC Tee and DJ Mantronik
pool another educated collection
of beats and rhymes. The suits are sparky enough, but do not quite fit into either the primeval or the New Age categories of rap.

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Part 21 of David Sinclair's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential albums of the most enduring inclusion in this series, an act entries are designed to be pasted and misses of rock history.

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Vinyl floored?

Despite the rumours, the days of the LP are far from over, Mike Nicholls reports

times are hard times for music fans who prefer oldfashioned plastic to the technologically advanced compact disc. Last year sales of compact discs exceeded those of ordinary albums for the first time. While vinyl LP sales plunged by 30 per cent, 43 per cent more CDs were bought than in the previous 12 months. As if this were not bad enough, all the major stores in the United States have stopped ordering 7in singles.
As most artists' album sales are

related to the success of their singles, this could mean the end of an era. Singles buyers are being forced to switch to the CD and cassette formats which currently command less than 10 per cent of the UK market. Another nail was hammered into the vinyl coffin this week when a director of HMV announced that within five years none of its shops would be stocking plastic, 7in or 12in.

On the face of it there seems little left to do but chuck out the old turntable and spend a few hundred pounds on a compact disc player. Trevor Butler of Hi Fi News says: "Most new classical records are now only available on CD and the majority of our letters are from readers complaining that they have literally been forced to go out and buy CD machines. But just because the Americans are trying to phase out vinyl doesn't mean the same will happen here. No one's going to throw away

huge collections over night."
Britain's two biggest record companies feel there is life left in the vinyl format — "at least until the end of the century", predicts Jonathan Morrish of CBS. "In 1979 some pundits reckoned cassette sales would exceed those of albums within three years. In the 'event it took seven. But there'll always be a market for vinyl, whether it's for special products

like 12in dance records or old recordings which haven't trans-ferred well to CD."

Terri Anderson points out that EMI has a vested interest in keeping vinyl alive - the company owns the biggest manufacturing facility in the UK. "So not only do we intend to continue producing the format for our own titles, but also for the other companies whose records we press."

Recent sales figures indicate that vinyl is still popular, particularly around the dance floors of Britain, Between 1984 and 1988, vinyl album sales dropped slightly, while sales of singles plummeted until last year, when

they registered a substantial rise. There is a correlation between this rise and the vinyl album slump. The single is the staple of the dance market which last year ruled the top 40. Few artists sold anything like as many albums as they did singles. Black Box, whose "Right on Time" topped the singles chart for six weeks, didn't

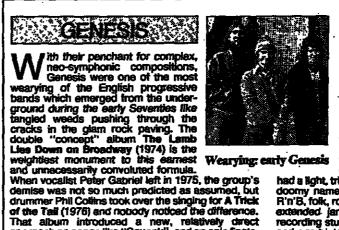
even release an LP. The key to last year's figures could lie with back catalogues vintage albums which are being released on CD for the first time. A random sample revealed that in one record store up to 50 per cent of CD sales are classic items by artists such as the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Led Zeppelin and the Stranglers. Other stores estimated that 20 per cent of their CD sales were accounted for by back-catalogue material.

In other words, if it were not for the old releases CD sales would not have overtaken those of vinyl. This should convince the powers that be that now is not the time to be thinking of phasing out vinyl. Or, as the spokeswoman for Our Price observes: "If HMV wants to stop selling vinyl it means more profit for us.

JAZZ UPDATE Frank Morgan Mood Indigo (Antilles 91320) dashing quartet recording.

Stan Getz The Girl From Five albums and assorted off-cuts from the most commercially successful phase of Getz's career. Getz/Gilberto is the highlight, of course, but the other sessions

singer's debut solo album. It all sounds hopelessly Sixties now, but the nostalgia gradually works its spell.



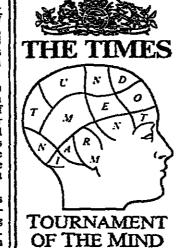
The genial old buffers who pro-claimed themselves Built to Last in 1989 were, of course, nothing of the sort. As residents of Halght Ashbury, and the house band for Ken Kesey's notorious "Acid Test" happen-ings in 1965-6, at which copious quantities of the then-legal drug LSD were distributed freely to band and audience alike, the Dead were at the fregile epicentre of San Francisco's counter-culture. Their music has always trippy quality somewhat at odds with their

counter-culture. Their music has always had a light, trippy quality somewhat at odds with their doomy name, and draws on a mbxture of country, R'n'8, folk, rock and jazz. A group much given to the extended jam, and never wholly at ease in the recording studio, they have released five double-live and one triple-live abum (Europe '72), all of variable quality. A brace of studio releases from 1970 — Workingman's Dead and American Beauty — highlight their scrappy, harmony folk-rock at its best, but it was not until the remarkable 1987 album, in the Dark, that the band produced a fully rounded set, and was rewarded by easily the biggest hit of its career. rarded by easily the biggest hit of its career.

singles band, but even by the time of their fourth No 1 album, Invisible Touch (1986), they had alienated mysteriously few of their original fans. NEXT WEEK: Al Green, Green On Red

Tournament of the Mind

That album introduced a new, relatively direct approach on songs like "Squonk", and an epic finate, "Los Endos", which has remained part of the live show to the present. In the Eighties Genesis metamorphosed into a mainstream, transatiantic, hit



Round 11 of The Times Tournament of the Mind includes a clever test of your word power and a general knowledge question that is sure to perplex.

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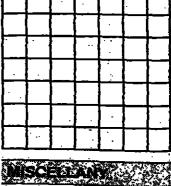
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4 MATHS A fire engine is travelling to a fire that is 15 miles away. The fire engine's tank contains 20 gallons of water. The water tank was full when the vehicle set off. The fire engine is

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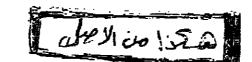
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Little nursery treasures

vigorous interest in plants, the choice is better than ever before. 20,000 of the mallow Levetera thanks to the caper activity of organizations such as the National Council for pink-kissed centre, still sells in of plant you desire. But a move towards extending choice and g a range of different her than the standard is percolated through to centres and multiples.

plants into pardens during the past few years. It has a foot in both camps, as it sells direct from its nursery at Much Hadham in Hertfordshire and also grows plants for garden centres. All but a very few of the plants it sells are propagated from its own garden, or from seeds exchanged or collected.
What started off as a hobby has become a business for Dr Davis Barber and his wife, Barbara, a

retired GP and former physiotherapist respectively. In 1984 their son, Aubrey, gave up his engineering job to apply his skills in the pursery. Other staff work full and part-time yet, despite the expansion, the nursery feels very domestic and friendly.

Success has meant more kinds of plants, rather than more of each type not for Hopleys the mass production of French marigolds or staring antirrhinums. Back in 1976, when the Barbers produced the excellent potentilla Red Acc, realiz-

he arrival of spring ing they could not cope with the prompts a surge of plants huge demand for it they gave for sale in garden centres Blooms of Bressingham the licence and nurseries, and this to sell it. They are better able now year, riding the crest of a to manage larger numbers of some

and the Hardy Plant well in gardens, achieving unheardwhich will soon be produc-of proportions over two mild burn edition of The Plant winters, this year the main danger winters; this year the main danger the invaluable guide to has not been cutting frosts, but a can buy exactly the kind being whipped out of the ground by the winds. Bearing in mind the forecast of more windy winters, it would probably be a sensible precaution to cut back large, shrubby mallows in the autumn.

Hopleys still spends as much of The family-run nursery of its energy on plants which will hopery has gained a reputation for introducing many interesting new plants into gardens during the past love them. Gardening began as a hobby for them, and they still cherish the excitement and enthusiasm that led them to work with plants in the first place. This year sees a new bright yellow potentilla bred by them, called Chelsea Star. Its green sepals peep out between the petals like those of Herb Bennet and other geums, giving a slightly starry effect.

What the Barber family likes best is to introduce unusual plants whether old cultivars which are in danger of becoming extinct, or good new ones - to a wider gardening public. One success has been the regeneration of a number of double primulas which had more or less died out in Britain, but were reproduced from healthy stocks from New Zealand. Hopleys also has a good list of perennial wallflowers, including two scented old yellows, Harpur Crewe and

I walked with Aubrey up and

Cheiranthus concinnum.



down aisles of plants, increasingly impressed at the richness and profusion of plants which, though giving an impression of happy disorder, were logged individually into Aubrey's computer stock system. He also produces the catalogue, illustrating it with photographs from the nursery. This year's, just out, has for its cover picture the breathtakingly pretty plant called Evolvulus nuttalianus Blue Daze, a blue convulvulus-like flower with a white centre, and soft whitemargined leaves.

It was not a plant I had even

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colonizing plants in conservatories,

heard of before, but I am willing to believe it will make a spectacular pot plant. Coming from tropical America, it requires warm indoor shelter in the winter. Other uncommon container plants recommended by Hopleys include a beautiful small senecio (S. heitieri), which attracts great attention at shows with its silver-grey, star-like leaves and pale flowers with purple magenta-tipped petals and centre. Dwarf Form has all-magenta flowers and, growing only to about 1ft/30cm, goes well in smaller containers. Both need sunny,

dryish, well-drained conditions. WEEKEND TIPS

> the same time removing all weak or dead stems.

• Apply a general fertilizer if necessary on heavy (clay) soils.

 Give some protection from strong and cold winds to the new green growth on plants, especially ones just bought and planted outside.

There is a good selection of

argyranthemums (like delicate, narrow-petalled, daisy-like chrysanthemums), which have become so popular both for planting outside (for the summer only, as they are not hardy) and in pots. Alongside firm favourites such as Chelsea Girl with its white, yellowcentred daisies, and the yellow Jamaica primrose, they recommend Yellow Star, a more compact plant with a trim, tidy flower, "a plant everybody should have but which somehow got left out of the catalogue", Aubrey laments. (Simply write for it by name if you would like to order it.) This is one I am trying myself, intending to team it in a pot with white petunias and Helichrysum Limelight, which has a yellowy green leaf.

♠ Hopleys Plants, High Street, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire SG10 6BU (0279 84 2509). Nursery and garden open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (but closed all day Tuesday); Sun 2-5pm. Child-ren welcome but no dogs. (Closed January and August.) Illustrated 1990 catalogue £1 (inc p&p).

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more to do with leisure and a jolly day out than with gardening, but this show, on its large waterside site at Gateshead on the south bank of the Gateshead on the south bank of the River Tyne, retains the spirit of the original idea. Much permanent planting of trees and shrubs has already been done, a wildlife area made by the British Trust for Nature Conservation by the little River Team is now a permanent fixture, and there is a well-developed array of model gardens and landscaping on the 200-acre site. The festival is open seven days a week from 10am until dusk. Adult day tickets are £6 with discounts for children, families and groups. Write to the Marketing and groups. Write to the Marketing Department, The National Garden Festival (Gateshead) Ltd, Queensway North Team Valley, Gateshead NE11 ONG (091 487

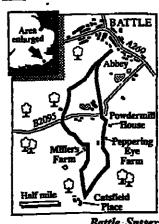
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Information on 0707 262823. HAMPTON COURT PALACE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW: July 11-15. This is the first time that a show of any kind has been permitted at Hampton Court and the organizers are keen to keep the emphasis on plants and gardens, with additional educational and scientific exhibits - though there will also be garden furniture, machinery and sundry stalls. They have persuaded many of the most exciting smaller nurseries, organizations and young design teams to take part. The show, to be opened by the Princess Royal, is sponsored by British Rail Network SouthEast, and for visitors arriving by rail (with a valid ticket) admission is £8 adult, £4 children. Special

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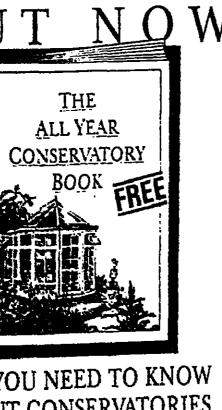
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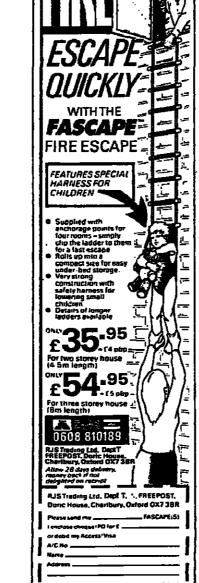
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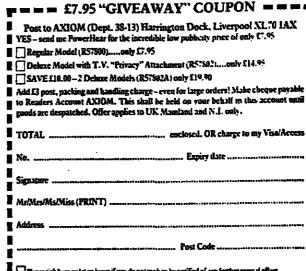


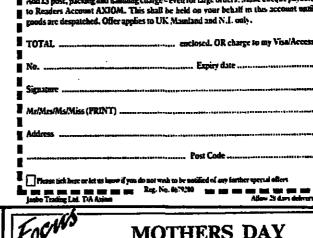














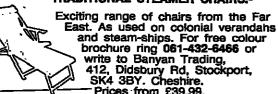
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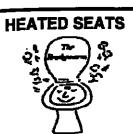




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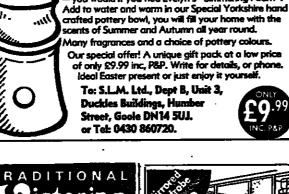




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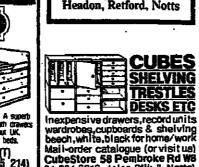
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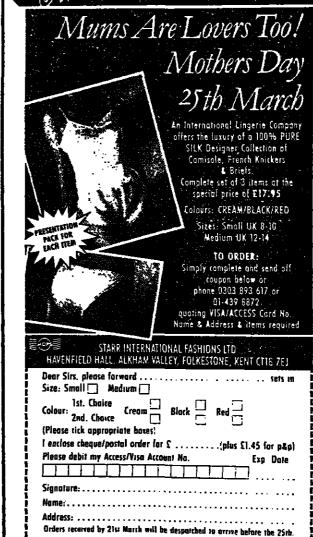
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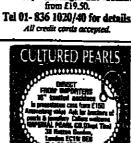
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SHOPPING

Gifts of scented beauty

There is more to Mother's Day than just buying a bunch of

flowers. Nicole Swengley reports on some fresh ideas and prices

he British are not naturally a nation of flower-buyers. On average, we spend only about £15 a year on them, lagging well behind the Swiss and West Germans, who splash out £48 and £40, respectively, while the Dutch and French spend £35 and £24. And, when we order flowers for special occasions such as Mother's Day (Sunday, March 25), we tend to choose traditional blooms rather than experiment with

unusual alternatives.

Perhaps this is because, until recently, there has been little choice, other than buying flowers at a cheap-and-cheerful market stall or braving the formality of a traditional florist's shop with grand displays and prices to match.

Flower names which sound like tongue-twisters to the uninitiated don't help either, and many of us are reduced to pointing and mumbling "A bunch of those, please".

Now a clutch of specialist shops is seeking to change the way we buy flowers by catering for purses large and small and for people who love the look and fragrance of flowers but haven't taken a Master's degree in floristry.

Jane Packer, a trained florist who blossomed after creating the bridal bouquets for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York, is the kind of florist who listens to the shoppers' ideas rather than

blind them with knowledge. "For Mother's Day we tend to concentrate on romanticlooking posies such as violets. primroses and old-fashioned pansies. Introducing your mother's favourite colour and fragrance is important, and we do this, for example, with tiny flowers such as muscari, freesia or narcissus. or with more sophisticated fragrances such as jasmine or

As an alternative Mother's Day present, she suggests sponsoring a course in arranging dried or fresh flowers. Her own one-day courses cost £95. • Jane Packer, 56 James Street, London W1 (01-935 2673), Mon-Sat, 9am-6pm. London deliveries only. Last orders for Mother's Day by March 23 for next day delivery. next day delivery.

Kenneth Turner, known for his unusual fresh-cut and dried flower arrangements, suggests a Mother's Day gift of moss teddy bears, which last longer than fresh flowers. He also makes up dolls, rabbits or ducks in flowers or moss from around £95.

Day I think of nosegays of violets [£35] or simple, chic lilies of the valley [from £40]. But a garland basket filled with chocolates [about £150] could be equally appealing. Nenneth Turner at Goodes, 19 South Audley Street, London W1 (01-499 2823), delivers countrywide. Last orders by March 21 for next day delivery.

When I think of Mother's

Christina Smith, the owner of The Flowersmith, Covent Garden, recommends white flowers for Mother's Day, She

suggests sending country flowers to town-dwelling mothers and city flowers to mothers in the country.

Posies of country flowers starting at £15, could include camellias, daisies, white roses, guelder roses, mixed rannnculus with spring leaves, and country foliage such as pussy willow, hawthorn, forsythia and spiraca tied with a flouncy paper ribbon.

City flower arrangements, from £12, might include ginger, strelitzia, peach-col-oured amaryllis and pink pineapples with lotus leaves, bear grass and wriggly willow. The Flowersmith, 34 Shelton Street, London WC2 (01-240 6688), Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat, noon-5pm. Countrywide deliv-eries. Last orders by March 23 for next day delivery.

The Bonsai Shop, also in Covent Garden, sells Chinese indoor and Japanese outdoor bonsai trees at around £6 for a 3in-inch tall, five-year-old tree. Bonsai trees are a good buy because they need little attention and last a long time. You can even buy one the same age as your mother. ● The Bonsai Shop, 28 Neal Street, London WC2, (01-240

6688), Tues-Sai, noon-6pm. Sarah Waterkeyn, too, has unusual ideas for Mother's Day. She will create a dried or fresh flower arrangement which incorporates bottles of bath oil, pot pourri or any other gift. Bouquets start at £10 plus delivery (London only), dried and basket arrangements from £15, moss

bowl arrangements from £12. Sarah Waterkeyn's, 29 Lambs Conduit Street, WC1 (01-430 2287). Interflora available. Caroline Dickenson has an exotic Mother's Day suggestion: a basket of amaryllis, chocolates and champagne. If this £75 extravangza seems over-the-top, she also has tied

posies of spring flowers or

baskets of narcissus, crocus

and polyanthus from £15. Caroline Dickenson Flowers, Landsdowne House, 55 Berkeley Square, W1 (01-491 9494). and 35 Park Street, W1. Countrywide deliveries. Orders can be taken on March 24 for Mother's Day delivery. Interflora service also available.

Vase has reputation for nontraditional tied bunches and cut flowers in unusual-shaped vases, from bud-bearers to Knickerbocker Glory glasses. Small tied bunches start at £25, but prices for exotica rise sharply. For the children, there are Mother's Day posies at £2.50 or a fishbowl bristling with flowering cacti for £8.50. • Vase, 10 Clifton Road, W9 Vase, 10 Clifton Road, W9 (01-286 7853), also has branches at St James's, SW1. Chelsea Harbour, SW10, and Ealing Common, W5. Countrywide deliveries via Interflora. Orders up to and including March 25 for some day London delivers.

• Pulbroke & Gould's Mother's Day specialities include rustic baskets planted with yellow and white flowers such as mini daffodils and yellow polyanthus, from £18.50; mixed gardens with iris reticula, hyacinth, jasmine, helxine

and green ivies and ferns planted in a mossy basket, from £30; tied posies of small

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Owned by Julia Hodgkin, the Heals Flower Shop specializes in natural tied bunches using coloured tissue to complement the cut flowers. Unusual foliage with twisted bark and stems and herbs are also incorporated. For Mother's Day, there are bulbs in baskets, including crocuses and hyacinths, planted gardenia, orange trees and unusual tulips. Tied bunches from £20,

baskets from £25. • Heal's Flower Shop. 196 Tottenham Court Road, WI (01-636 1666, extn 5503); Mon 10am-6pm, Tues, Wed, Fri 9.30am-6pm, Thurs 9.30am-7.30pm, Sat 9am-6pm. Order by noon on March 24 for same day delivery, in London only.

of snowdrops, polyanthus and primroses cost from £15; cut flowers and bouquets, £20. ● Moyses Stevens, 6 Bruton Street, W1 (01-493 8171) and Inn on the Park, Park Lane, London WI; Mon-Fri 8.30am-5.30pm, Sat 8.30am-1pm. London deliveries only. Order by March 23.

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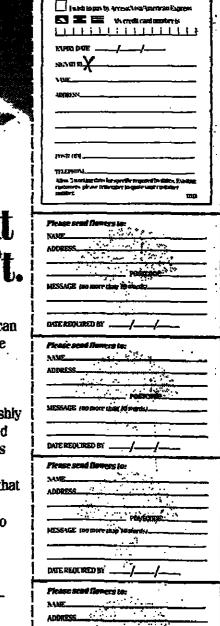
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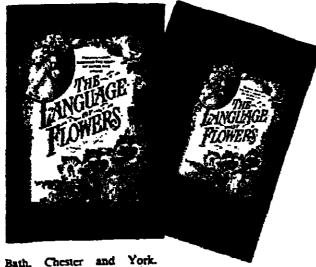
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ated sleeve and edited by Sheila Pickies, managing dircctor of Penhalizons' perfumcry, explores the age-old meanings of flower names. Penhalisons, founded in 1870, was in full bloom at a time when the Victorians'

enthusiasm for symbolic messages was at its height. Most of the book's illustrations date from this period. By the time Ms Pickles

joined Penhaligons in 1975 the company had declined, so the set about building up the technical knowledge to create the products which the compury now sells in its four London shops and branches in



Bath, Chester and York. Scented flowers such as jasmine, bluebell, lily and lavender are represented in the book and she admits that many of the flowers chosen

are her favourites.
"I tried to include flowers which are pretty and have interesting meanings. I researched their symbolism in old Victorian books, libraries

consensus opinion. Sometimes it was difficult to find a pertinent literary illustration. "For example, phlox means

on Mother's Day. She has always worn that particular perfume and if I smell it on anyone else I think of her. and second-hand book shops. I discovered that the meanings differed quite a lot but took a

'agreement' and clematis means 'mental beauty'. So I chose passages of verse and

the valley, ivies - and I use foliage with two or three blooms in the house. At the table, I place individual flowers by each setting." The book is dedicated to her mother. "I usually send her

flowers - hily of the valley -

"It's strange how the fragrance of flowers is as potent as fistening to an old song." as fistening to an old song.

• The Language of Flowers (Pavilion Books, £12.95). Next mouth, Penhaligons, of 41 Wellington Street, London WC2 (01-836 2150), launches a range of scened stationery called Victoria. THE WEEK AHEAD

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Love connects: Dorinda (Holly Hunter) with Pete (Richard Dreyfnss)

¬ he Royal Film Performances have sheltered some turkeys over the years: in 1973 the Windsors' treat was the baleful musical of Lost Horizon. This year the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh are in relatively safe hands. Steven Spielberg's lusciously mounted Always is a long-nourished remake of A Guy Named Joe (1943), in which Spencer Tracy's wartime pilot returned from the dead to lend his old colleagues a helping hand. The story has been uprooted and updated: the ghostly hero is now a daredevil flier employed in the dousing of forest fires. He is also Richard Dreyfuss — veteran of Spielberg's Jaws and Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Holly Hunter, the spunky girl from Broadcast News, gets Irene Dunne's old part as the hero's girlfriend; while newcomer Brad Jonson - up from commercials and the rodeo circuit - stumbles into Van Johnson's role as the greenhorn pilot. "It's a story about life and love and how love connects even after someone is gone," Spielberg says. As such, Irving Berlin's "Always" would have been the perfect theme tune. But the composer refused permission; the hero's favourite song is now "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes". It suits his profession, anyway. Plaza (01-437 1234), certificate PG, from Thurs.

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PUBLIC ENEMY/3RD BASS: Old wave black supremacists Public Enemy in an untikely pairing with New Age white rap duo 3rd Bass. Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236) Wed; then Brighton Centre and Brixton Academy. Also appearing with others at World DJ Championships, Wembley Arena, (01-902 1234) Tues.

COWBOY JUNKIES: Toronto's most celebrated manic depressives. Com Exchange, Cambridge (0223

357851) Fri. CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT: Pop-funksters who have matured but lost momentum. Hull University (0482 466264) Wed; then Birmingham and Bradford

BROADCASTING

NEVER COME BACK: Natrianiel Parker as the fugitive hero of John Mair's unsettling novel of wartime London, dramatized in three parts by David Pirie; with James Fox and Susannah Hamilton: BBC2, Wed 9.25-10.15pm.

MRS SOFFEL (1984): Impressive Hollywood debut for Australian director Gillian Armstrong charting the unlikely love affair between a warder's wife (Diane Keaton) and a convicted murderer (Mel Gibson) in turn of the century Pittsburgh. Channel 4, Wed 10.05pm-12.10am. Scramble for seats: David Bowie on tour with a repertoire of classic hits

hile Paul McCartney and The Who both did brisk business on their recent "greatest hits" tours, the initial scramble for tickets to see David Bowie's "Sound and Vision" retrospective show was by all accounts unprecedented. It is claimed that the third concert to be announced at the London Arena (Mar 26, 27 and 28) sold out within eight minutes. However, some tickets are still available for two shows at the Milton Keynes Bowl on Aug 4 & 5 and at Manchester City Football Ground on Aug 7 (cc 01-379 4444 for both venues). Backed by a lean, four-piece band featuring his former colleagues, bassist Erdel Kizikay four-piece band featuring his former colleagues, bassist Ertlei Kizicay and guitarist Adrian Belew, Bowie will perform a set partly comprising songs voted for in advance by fans and featuring many neglected classics such as "Life on Mars", "Suffragette City" and "Panic in Detroit". Meanwhile one of the music papers has been campaigning for him to include "The Laughing Guome". The tour, which started in Quebec on Mar 4, coincides with the release this week of Changesbown, a doublealbum "best of" compilation. Most of Bowie's back catalogue has been unavailable for the last 18 months or so, but EMI now plans to re-issue all his old albums in all formats over the next 12-18 months. NEC. Birmingham (021 780 4133) Mon, Tues; Edinburgh Royal Highland Exhibition Centre, Ingliston (01-587 1414) Fri, Sat Mar 24-

JAZZ

HARRY CONNICK JR: A heartthrob in the making, the singer-pianist contributed vocals to "When Harry Met Sally". Astoria Theatre, London WC2 (01-434 0403). Wed.

JOHN SCOFIELD: The ex-Miles guitarist goes on tour with the saxophonist Joe Lovano, playing fusion pieces from the new Blue Note album, Time On My Hands. RNCM, Manchester (061-273 4504) Thurs, then Monkey Club, Brentwood and Town & Country Club, London.

PHOTOGRAPHY

HOMELESS IN LONDOIL Neil Libbert's frightening documentary on the people who sleep rough on London's streets. Focuses on the Charing Cross and Waterioo areas. Camden Arts Centre, Loadon, NW3 (01-435 2643). From Mon.

PORTRAITS: Contempdrary portraits of celebrities plus some more personal portraits by photographers including Barry Lategan and Jillian Edelstein.

Association of Photographers, London, EC1 (01-608 1441). From

CONCERTS

ALL TCHAIKOVSKY: Fraser Goulding conducts the London Concert Orchestra in predictable choice of Tcharkovsky pieces. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 8891), Today.

FOUR, SIX AND EIGHT: Members of the Medici and Alberni Quartets play Beethoven's Quartet Op 9 No 3, the Sextet from Richard Strauss's Capriccio and Mendelssohn's Octet. Wigmore Hall, London W1 (01-935 2141), Tomorrow.

ONE, TWO AND THREE: The Scottish National Orchestra is conducted by Bryden Thomson in Prokofiev's Symphony No 1 "Classical," Borodin Symphony No 2 and with Dmitri Alexeev as soloist Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No 3. Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224 641122). Tues.

MORE RUSSIANS: Vladimir Fedoseyev conducts The Philharmonia in works including Borodin's Polovisian Dances from Prince Igor. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Wed.

LEAPER/HALLE: The Halle Orchestra undertakes Mozart's Don Giovanni Overture and works by Shostakovich and Walton. Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061 834 1712). Thurs.

THEATRE

TONY PATRICK

AN EVENING WITH PETER USTINOV: Actor, author, raconteur and UNICEF ambassador. Theatre Royal, London SW1 (01-930 9832). Preview Tues. Opens Wed. Limited engagement.

JOHN BROWN'S BODY: Wildcat Company in a new John Brown piece about the Clyde. Tramway, Glasgow (041-227 5511). OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Tonight and Wed see Pavarotti in John Copley's revival of Donizerb's L'alier d'amore. Powerful new production by Gotz Friedrich of Strauss's Elektra, Tues. Covert Garden, London WC2 for 240 1056).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Revival of David Pountney's stunningly designed production of Prokohev's *The Gembler*, has Graham Clark in a powerful portrayal of Dostoevsky's tormented hero, Alexei. Sign Edwards conducts performances tonight and Thurs. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane. London WC2 (01 836 3161),

SCOTTISH OPERA: Arrives in Liverpool with outstanding Stravinsky/Bartok double bill of Oedipus Rex and Bluebaard's Castle, Thurs. Le forza del distino should not be missed either, Tues and Sat Mar 24. Empire Theatre, Liverpool (057 70) 1555).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OPERA Continues its enterprising Verdi revivals with a new production of his second opera *Un gromo di* regno. Christopher Fifield conducts Tues, Wed, Fri and Sat Mar 24; Bloomsbury Theatre, London WC1 (01-387 9829).

NEVER THE SINNER: JOSS Ackland in John Logan's play about the Leopold and Loeb Chicago Twenties murder trial. Pizyhouse, London WC2 (01-839 4401). Previews from Tues. Opens

THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS: Tony Harrison's reconstruction from a fragment of a classical Graek Satyr play. Olivier, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 2252). Previews from Thurs. Opens Mar 27.



Anglo-Indian: new setting for Gogol's play, *The Government Inspector*

ara Arts Group, under the direction of Jatinder Verma, is touring his adaptation of Gogol's The Government Inspector, now with an Anglo-Indian setting, with Antony Bunsee (above left) in the title role and Muraly Menon (right) as his servant Asif. The tour, which begins this week at Battersea, continues until Sept, and consolidates Tara's position as our pre-eminent Asian theatre company. Verma's adaptation of Molière's Tartuffe for Tara is also touring small theatres, prior to a run at the Royal National Theatre in Apr. Shifting their settings to reflect the mores of the sub-continent, he demonstrates in these two shows both how universal in application the theatre's great classics are, and how acutely he has caught the mood of the plays - Gogol's study of hypocrisy and buck-passing, and Molière's portrait of a paterfamilias willingly duped by a religious faker. The Government Inspector was first seen in London in 1989, but, substantially recast, it moves on from Battersea to 20 bookings throughout England before the middle of June, and then the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand and Australia. Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town Hall, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (01-223 2223). Opens Tues.

BRIDGE

ome of the best stories delaying the whole tourna-come from minor in-ment. The offenders were two come from minor in-Cidents in big events, clerics, and they were ensuch as a lead out of turn or an insufficient bid. Every tournament director has a fund of

A tale told by Al Sobel, however, came from rubber bridge, and Sobel himself was the victim. It had nothing to do with his being the most experienced - as well as the most assertive and flamboy-ant — tournament official of his day. Both sides were vulnerable you.

and the stakes were high when Sobel picked up this hand and heard the player on his right open with one no trump: 4 8-2 ♥ A-K-Q-J-10-8-5 ♦ 5-4 4 8-2

To stir things up, he bid two diamonds. Next hand raised to 3iNT and when this came bartk to Sobel he doubled. Next hand redoubled and all passed.

Al was preening himself, but then his partner led a diamond out of turn. Declarer was quick to accept the lead and he made 11 tricks for a score of 1250 plus the rubber, instead of going down three tricks for minus 1600.

When, later, Sobel told this tale to Oswald Jacoby, a great player whose gifts included the ability to cap any story you cared to tell, he got no sympathy. "It was your own fault," claimed Jacoby. "The same thing happened to me once, but I caught my partner's card in mid-air and shoved it back in his hand."

Maury Braunstein, once Sobel's loyal henchman and now a top ACBL director, it was pure gold compared who was summoned to a with West's takeout double, a table where slow play was psychic.

grossed in a grand slam contract. Braunstein away his rule book but sternly admonished the pair. "Our fathers, Which art in seven, Hurried be thy game." On picking up the power-

house below you might start planning a sequence to reach the best slam, but this becomes academic when you hear your opponent open seven diamonds in front of ● A-K-C-10-3-2 ♥ -

hand in a Los Angeles tournament plucked up her courage to bid seven spades, which was doubled. The cards fell sweetly and the grand slam was made Declarer did not expect her

opponents to throw their hats in the air, but she sensed that they were unusually disconsolate. To ease the situation, she asked politely: "May I please see what a sevendiamond opening bid looks like?"

"Seven diamonds?" inquired her opponent. "I opened the bidding with one diamond."

Banter and chaff are often the spice of social bridge, but in tournament play any kind of prejudicial comment is heavily discouraged. Yet the most famous example of a giveaway remark comes not from a friendly game but from a national championship, with Another story features four Life Masters at the table. South's one-club opening was not a thing of beauty, but Dealer South. Neither side

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Against six clubs, West, convinced that this was no ordinary situation, led the The lady who held this king of spades. East was startled by the power of dummy, and was further disappointed when South produced the ace of spades, but he remained confident that setting the contract, by whatever margin, would be a

fine result. South played a trump to the king, losing to the ace. East hastened to return a spade and nearly fell out of his chair when South brought forth the queen.

Declarer led a club to the queen, West following with the 10. East had begun to burn inside, and now he exploded. "You could have led a heart, a diamond or a club," he snarled, "and we would have beaten this hand. Instead, with your nimble

brain, you had to lead your king of spades." Declarer, in common with those at the farthest tables, could not help overhearing. So he led a low club from dummy to his 9, returned a diamond, and finessed the 10. It was the only way to

make the slam. Albert Dormer

CHESS

There is a beautifully appointed chess room in the Palace of Westminster which Lord Kagan (Lab) beat houses a remarkable collec- Sir Nicholas Bonsor (Con) tion of chess sets, many of them gifts from other governments around the world. This Lord Gisborough (Con) lost to bilize an army of passed pawns, but it would have been is obviously a useful retreat night sittings.

Three years ago the House

of Commons narrowly defeated the House of Lords; but only over a very small number of boards. Last year Gary Kasparov took on the combined Lords and Commons teams, and regular readers of this column may well recall that I published here his win against Tam Dalyell, MP. Black Lord Mayhew, Played This year, the turnout for the at The Athenaeum, February Lords-Commons match was 28. encouragingly large. The Queen's Gambit Declined match was played at the end of 1 d4 d5 2 e4 e6 last month at The Athenaeum, 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Nf2 Nf6 h6 6 Bh4 0-0 victory 8½-7½ for the Com- 9 Brf6 grf6 h6 0-0 Bre3 The Spectator, and whose 13 Cac3 f6. The Spectator, and whose editor-designate, Dominic Lawson, presented a silver is preserable. trophy for the winning team.

First Round Lords Lord Kagan (Lab) beat . Michael Stern (Con) Lord Oram (Lab) beat Andrew Bowden (Con)

Lord Melville (Con) lost to Jeremy Hanley (Con) Lord Mayhew (SDP) lost to Cecil Franks (Con) Lord Killearn (Con) beat Dr Lewis Moonie (Lab) Lord Gisborough (Con) beat Philip Oppenheim (Con)

Lord Jay (Lab) lost to Sir Nicholas Bonsor (Con) Lord Kilbracken (Lab) beat Tam Dalyeli (Lab)

hess has been gaining in Second Round popularity in both Lord Melville (Con) lost to Houses of Parliament. Tam Dalyeli (La Tam Dalyeli (Lab) Lord Jay (Lab) beat

Dafydd Wigley (Plaid Cymru) Andrew Bowden (Con) for members involved in late- Lord Kilbracken (Lab) lost to Cecil Franks (Con)
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Lord Killearn (Con) lost to Jeremy Hanley (Con) Michael Stern, the leading light behind the event, won a good game in the second round: White: Michael Stern MP -

This loses a pawn_ 13 ... Nc6 14 Oxe7 Od6 15 Rec1 Oxe7 16 Rxc7 Ne6 17 Bxe6 txe6

Black plays and wins.

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19 Rb7 The threat of ... Rc1+ gives black time to save his bishop. E'b5 22 Re7 E 77 24 Rb6

more prudent to play 25 ... Rb1+ 26 Kh2 Bd3. ands 27 Ne1 4F 29 Ke2 H3 31 Nc5

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White was given a win on adjudicatida. If 31 ... Ral 32 Nxa4 Rxa4 33 Rxb3 is an easy win. Alternatively 31 ... a3 32 Nxb3 a2 33 Ra6.

Raymond Keene

Send your ensylver on a postcard with your name and edd-edd for The Times Winning Move Comparison, The Times, T Pennington Sirvet, London El 2000, The first three commet answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Times water-size diversal chean computer. The winning move will be printed in The Times next Sa paridly.

WINNING MOVE

Solution to les t. Saturday's competition: Black ware wall 1 ... Cod2+.

The three winners of *The Times* personal chase computers are: R.C. Obtoms of Davyhume, Manchester, G.J. Power of Piers Close, Wishwick and Michael Phillips of Watington, (Oxon.

CROSSWORD

CONCISE NO 2129

Prizes of the Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, March 22. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Com-petition, I Pennington Street, London, El 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, March 24.

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The winners of prize concise No 2123 are: Mrs P. Davidson of South Shields, Tyne and Wear, and Martin Village of London NS.

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Dream start is key to dream game

Rugby Correspondent

The 65-year-old stadium at Murrayfield has known some proud sporting moments, not least on the day of its official opening on March 21, 1925, when Scotland beat England 14-11 and thus accomplished their first grand slam, but never has there been a game of rugby played there with a greater significance than to-day's 106th Calcutta Cup

All the glittering prizes hang tantalizingly in the balance: the grand slam, for both Scotland and England, the five nations' championship, the triple crown and the old cup itself. It will be a measure of the quality and the character of today's teams if they can produce a match worthy of the occasion or whether the burden of expectancy will weigh them down in the execution.

"It will tell us a lot about what we have really achieved," Roger Uttley, the England coach, said yesterday after watching his players handle a 40-minute training period at Peebles in which scarcely a mistake was made. This has been the pattern of England's approach this championship season, the coaches conceding responsibility to the players in readiness for the decision-making, which this afternoon may provide the vital difference in times of stress.

And stress there will be. It is only a game of rugby but what a buzz of interest it has created, north and south of the border, where clubs, Scottish and English, will play their games this morning before forgathering in front of hastily erected giant television screens to watch the Royal Bank of Scotland international. "The first 15 or 20 minutes will see some of the fastest, most physically committed rugby many of us have seen," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said.

"I hope we will retain our manosure and shake the ots with the sheer pace and sity of our game, and that will realize why people aying we are not such a side. There will be an had but we will be going out there to establish control early on and, if we do that, we can put them under pressure."

It has been said of both countries that their best is yet to come. Of Scotland, that they struggled to beat Ireland and Wales - one score was the difference on each occasion and that the whitewash of France was assisted by the dismissal of Carminati, the

Five nations' table

of performance was raised some 10 per cent against France but suffered a relapse against Wales, when at least three try-scoring chances were

There are imponderables: the weather, so frequently windy at Murrayfield, is one, and the refereeing is another. David Bishop, from New Zealand, is well known to both countries: he handled their respective games against Australia in 1988 and takes the positive view that he is there to provide a framework in which the players can display their skills.

Bishop, whose customary beat is the hurly-burly of Ranfield Shield rugby, knows that that means the application of law as well as the extension of advantage so that we avoid the unwholesome sight of players climbing all over each other at lineouts and back lines seeking to reduce their opponents' space by advancing offside behind the referee's back.

England, the holders of the Calcutta Cup, as they have been for the past three years, have paid more attention to Scotland's performance against France than their most recent match with Wales, because they believe that the sight of three back-row forwards standing off a scrum does not constitute a realistic approach to international

The two areas of greatest importance in Scotland's success this season have been their back row (which in itself owes much to the sturdy work of the front five) - Jeffrey has enjoyed a quite outstanding season - and the midfield defence, which has been nig-

gardly in the extreme. To negate these two areas, the Scots have to be made to turn and England should be strong enough at the set-pieces to make them do so. But much of England's work this week has concentrated on putting the ball through the hands of the backs, introducing Hodgkinson into play in a way which has not yet been

Hodgkinson's value to the side cannot be overstated: he has scored 39 points in three championship games and, in two of them, successful penalties have provided England with what Uttley calls a "dream start." In his first full



Sole and soul-mates: Scotland's captain, with all the glittering prizes to play for, leads his brothers in battle exercise before today's hostilities at Murrayfield

M G Skinner

W A Dooley

P J Ackford

M C Teague

season, he stands poised to break Dusty Hare's championship record of 44 points but, if he can be used in attack more successfully than was the case at Twickenham against Wales, on a ground where England have not scored a try since John Carleton's third in 1980, we may really see the blossoming of a talented threequarter line.

The other key introduction this season has been Hill, whom Sole, the Scotland captain, has cited as having a critical effect because of the speed of his pass. These are two players to whom Scotland will pay special attention, both in harrassing Hill around the scrum and in the high-ball assault that Chalmers will launch on Hodgkinson.

Both sides believe there has been insufficient examination of the weaknesses of today's opponents, which may in itself reflect upon the quality, or lack of it, evident among the other three countries in the championship. This after-noon, though, all the ques-tions should be answered in what could, if one team takes an early advantage, be a magnificent match, and one that England should win.

TODAY'S TEAMS AT MURRAYFIELD

Scotland **England** S D Hodgkinson A G Hastings (London Scot (Nottingham) S J Halliday A G Stanger Right wing S Hastings W D C Carling* Right centre S R P Lineen Left centre J C Guscott i Tukalo Left wing R Underwood (Leicester)

C R Andrew C M Chalmers Stand of R J Hill G Armstrond Scrum half (Jed-Foresi P A G Rendall D M B Sole Prop **B C Moore**

(Henot's FP) (London Scottish) Flanker J Jeffrey (Nottingham)
D F Cronin Lock (Bath) F Calder D B White

(London Scottist REPLACEMENTS: 18 C Redpath REPLACEMENTS: 16 M D Metrose, 17 D S Wyllie (Stewarts Metwile FP), 18 G H Offiver (Hawack), 19 D J Turnbull (Hawack), 20 A K Brewster (Stewart's Metwile FP), 21 J Allen (Wasps), 17 J M Webb (Bath), 18 S M Bates (Wasps), 19 M S Linnett (Moseley), 20 C J Oiver (Harlequins), 21 D W Egerton **English presence** felt in Edinburgh

in Edinburgh as the Scottish capital awaits the grand slam decider between Scotland and England. Not for the English the flamboyance of the Welsh, whose supporters traditionally arrrive in Scotland en masse up to a week before the match and make their presence visible with scarves, bonnets and sweaters and audible in the to producing grand slam pubs of Rose Street, with their sweaters. Scotland completed

But the English are certainly here. All hotels in and around Edinburgh are booked and at Edinburgh Airport a spokesman for operational manage-ment said that up to 20 business and executive flights were expected to arrive yesterday and today, bringing in well in excess of the usual 5,000 visiting supporters. But any expecting to purchase tickets at the last minute are

sure to be disappointed.

There is an almost eerie quiet English victory, William Hill quoting them at 11-4 on favourites with the Scots 12-5. The bookmakers may have taken into account the weather forecast, strong southwesterly winds and the possibility of some rain today. Despite the odds against Scotland the specialist knitwear

manufacturers are geared up Meggatland yesterday in less than 40 minutes. important to keep it short and sharp" Ian McGeechan, the If an additional lift were

needed. Scotland will kick off after an extended playing of the national song Flower of Scotland. The Scottish Rugby Union announced vesterday that two verses, instead of one would be played. The national Yesterday the bookmakers anthem will be played for the shortened the odds on an English team.



TRAVEL

A DRIVE IN THE DESERT

Namibia has been described as a Third World country with a First World infrastructure. The diamond mines may

have something to do with that. Ros Drinkwater left the town life behind and took a four-wheel drive into the desert, where she saw elephants at dawn and learned how to eat a scorpion. Page 63

CLOSED FOR DEMOCRACY

It was frustrating to arrive in Moscow when Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin were all closed to visitors because the Congress of People's Deputies was in session. When history is being made, tourism

must hold back. However, George Hill found much to fascinate him among the Russians in their capital city. Page 59

BENEATH THE WAVES



Rob Neillands goes scuba-diving as we continue our activity holiday series.

Eye operation puts Mason at risk

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Gary Mason, the British when I've learned what the heavyweight champion. underwent an eye operation at the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, yesterday. A hospital spokesman confirmed that he had undergone a retina operation but could not disclose the exact nature of the

Mason was booked into hospital after he complained to his manager, Terry Lawless. immediately after his bout gainst Everett Martin, of Texas, on Wednesday night. that he was having difficulty

Mason will be under the care of Professor David Mac-Read, who also performed the retina operation on Maurice Hope, the former world lightmiddleweight champion from Hackney, 10 years ago.

If it is confirmed that the operation was for a detached or torn retina, Mason, who was to have made a multimillion-dollar world title challenge next year, may be unable to box again.

The British Boxing Board of Control does not allow boxers with retina operations to conlinue with their exteers.

While Hope was allowed to carry on boxing the Board reframed us rules on retina Operations and even went so far as to try to block the return of Sugar Ray Leonard and recently, refused to allow a British referre to officiate at Leonard's bout with Roberto

The Board refused to comment on Mason's future. "We'll discuss Gary Mason

SPORT ON MONDAY

operation was. I'm not going to be wrapped in gloom and doom" John Morris, the secretary of the Board, said.

Quoting from the rule book Morris said: "The Board may take such action as in its absolute discretion it sees fit." He added: "The medical

side is so important. The health of the boxer must genuinely be put first. There can be no exceptions. If they get it wrong on the medical side we won't have boxing."

Before going in for his operation Mason was hopeful. He said: "I have come too far. I've worked too hard to lose it all now. I'm in the best possible hands with David Macked.

Lawless said: "Gary now tells me he has been concerned about his eye for some time but thought it was something that would go away. It is too early to say whether he will

fight again. Mason is the fourth Lawless boxer to suffer from retina trouble. After Hope, Horace Notice, the former British heavyweight champion, had an operation for detached

retinas in both eyes. Frank Bruno had to have an operation in Colombia in 1982 to correct short-sightedness before being given a

Mason's eye trouble could be the reason for his poor performance against Martin. My focusing was out and l could not put my usual combinations together," Ma-

Sprinters urged to boycott Ben Johnson on his return

By John Goodbody

Sir Arthur Gold, the veteran campaigner against drug abuse in sport, yesterday urged the world's leading sprinters not to race against Ben Johnson when the Canadian returns to international athletics in September

"I would ask Carl Lewis and Linford Christie not to compete in 'spectaculars' so that Johnson does not enjoy the wages of sin," the chairman of the British Olympic Association said.

Sir Arthur said that for Johnson, who was banned for two years after being tested positive for anabolic steroids after finishing first in the 100 metres at the Seoul Olympics. the "price of notoriety was 20 umes the price of fame".

Meeting organizers in Europe are already planning to match Johnson with Lewis and Christic, who finished behind the Canadian at the reinstated.

Games, only to be awarded the gold and silver medals when Johnson was disquali-Sir Arthur said that the

price for Johnson was now rumoured to be 20 times his appearance money in the past. I would submit the solution lies in the hands of those who do not cheat. Johnson will only earn vast sums if other stars run against him." he told representatives of more than 60 British governing bodies attending a Sports Council seminar on drug

Under the regulations of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, Johnson has been banned from competing for two years. However, Sir Arthur, a former president of the European Athletic Association, reiterated his opposition to Johnson ever being

He pointed out that the Canadian had altered his physique over the years from the use of illegal pharmaceutical products, and that some of the benefits would remain. He also said the whole Olympic ethos was against cheating. "He should never be allowed to run again in the Games." he

Derek Casey, the Sports Council's director of national services, expressed his concern that, of the 42 competitors found positive in all sports in Britain in 1988, action had only been known to have been taken in 12 cases.

He said that the national governing bodies and the council, which runs the drug testing programme from taxpayers' money, were "rather slow in chasing up the re sults". He was certain that "in most cases it is inefficiency rather than malpractice".

Reflections on a golden day

By Owen Jenkins

The owner of Norton's Coin, at the last moment from the winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, had no chance to rest on his laurels. For Sirrell Griffiths, it was business as usual on his dairy farm at Nantgaredig, near Carmar-

then, in Dyled. The whole village shared in the glory of the rank outsider which had caused one of the greatest upsets in racing history. Practically everyone had placed a bet. One man could have retired on his winnings think he'll be all right in about but was regretting pulling out three weeks time he might

placing a £1,000 bet at 200-1. The horse was paraded down the village street and in front of the pub where the crowd had gathered. When Sirrell Griffiths at last had time to reflect, he said: "It still hasn't really sunk in and it won't, I suppose, until I get a chance to sit down on my own and think about it or have a

good night's sleep. The horse

will have a rest now, but if I

Local bookmakers had a heavy day. Lynn James, of Carmarthen, said: "It's been nasty but not disastrous. I've had to pay out in the region of £25-30.000 but Corals in Carmarthen are talking in the region of £100,000. I won't be able to recoup my losses hecause the punters came in to

have a run then."

bet only on Norton's Coin. They'll be back only when the horse runs again or for the Grand National. It's money that's gone and that's it.'

The Times provides expert analysis on how the grand slam was won and lost at Murrayfield

Taking the High Road to Rugby's World Cup

The luck of the draw offers will come in June, Scotland Blair. In New Zealand Scotland's rugby team a home challenging the All Blacks on they're regarded as a side that run all the way to the World their own paddock in Dunedin never takes a step backwards.

Cup final at Twickenham on and Auckland on accessive They have already made

Saturday, November 2 1991. 🔭 The prospect of getting there without once having to leave their fortress at Mur rayfield ought to give the Scot a flying start. It only remain for Ian McGeechan to find team capable of exploi home advantage. The Lions coach has teen months in which to y

other football team. As you would expect such a canny race. the S are leaving nothing to cha-They have brought one of L ain folk halfway across world to let David Sole and

While four of the Nations were kicking off year's championship at Twi kenham and Cardiff, the fif were ensconced Gleneagles Hotel listen with rapt attention to Ji Blair.

He is the Scot who got t All Blacks fit to win the in ral World Cup in 1987 whose training techniques the envy of the rest of rugby world.

We have our own tien programme but Jim gave us à insight into New Zealar thinking," said McGeechar We have learnt a lot from h

to be revealed, not just in the Five Nations championship by some weeks after the dome: season finishes. The acid



The union at rugby's coal-face



When England meet Scotland today, the

forwards will stage their own grand slam.

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he scrum is a reminder of the origins of rugby union, of player striving supremacy. It is an elemental facet of the game, still requir-ing brute force and bodily strength but refined over the years by the appliance of technique and nourished by those countries who are the recognized leaders of world rugby. Philip Nel, the captain of the only South African team to have won a series in New Zealand, in 1937, is said to have received a telegram from home, just before the deciding third international, containing three words: "Skrum, skrum, skrum." It does not lose much in translation from Afrikaans. In that match, as often as the laws permitted, the Spring-

bolks opted for scrums. They deliberately adopted the scrum as a weapon, physical and psychological, and they won 17-6. Despite the various amendments to the laws in the intervening 53 years, the scrum remains just that, and a successful forward unit can have a demoralizing effect on the opposition. Sometimes there has been

an imbalance, as in Britain during the late 1970s, when, in the wake of the 1974 British Isles party which defeated South Africa, coaches tended to spend so much time organizing their forwards that the skills of the backs were neglected. That view was encouraged by the 1977 Lions in New Zealand, who reduced the All Blacks to a three-man scrum at one stage of the tour, but still lost the series.

Scrums are only part of the whole, but they are a vital component; all the successful sides have had good forwards needed to be good scrummagers — lately that not only at their own job but



who won a grand slam in Britain, and the New Zealanders who have been unbeaten over the last three years.

able to contribute in other areas of the game. But even though scrummag-

ing requires considerable The point which was apparently lost in Britain was that and Jeff Probyn, the England prop forwards who will be sharing duties at rugby's coalincludes the 1984 Australians, to be ball-handlers too and face against Scotland at

Murrayfield today, agree that mutual respect is the most important factor in a good scrum. "You can't make up for deficiencies in any area; you each have an individual job to do, and if any one person isn't doing it, it all becomes harder," Probyn,

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Rendall at Wasps, says. Rendall, the England loose

tical sense of humour as judge of the players' court when on tour, and the number of "characters" and captains to have emerged from the frontrow union is legendary. But when it comes to his respon-Rendall is in deadly earnest. "It's a myth that the scrum is just a means of restarting the

game," he says.
"You have to have respect for each other," Rendall adds. "It's being able to handle pressure. I don't think anyone would suggest there was any dead wood in the England scrum. We suit each other. As a unit I don't think we are worried about taking on any pack in the world,"

That, of course, is fighting talk, meat and drink to eight Scots who have knocked around the world a bit themselves. Except that four of the Scottish pack were with four Englishmen wearing Lions' jerseys last year and they know, better than anyone, the quality of England's tight for-wards today. "From the first scrum against the Welsh," Rendall adds, "we knew they were going, there was no drive coming through. The Irish cracked eventually, but the French, they held. They had a very strong pack and we knew we weren't going to move

"Scotland have been together as long as we have. They're a good, solid side, no weak links and they have a common purpose in the way they play." The first three or

anyone would suggest there was any dead wood in the England pack. I don't think we are worried about taking on any scrum

also a club colleague of Bound together: the Scottish view today of the England scrum. From left: Skinner, Rendall at Wasps, says.

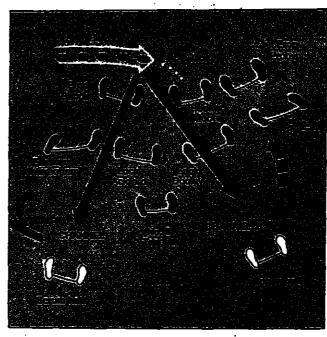
Probyn, Dooley, Moore, Ackford, Rendall and Winterbottom, with Teague at No. 8

prop genuinely wants to col-

measure born of desperation

or because he is being so badly beaten that he has no alter-

back row or the backs.



however slight, which will scrums, which are clearly arbenefit back row and half eas of potential danger, no backs, or create problems for the opposition if they have to cope with possession on the retreat. There are various ways of doing so, nor are they necessarily illegal, although it is a fact that if you play in the front row you must be ready for your share of knocks.

hen England

have the put-in at a scrum this afternoon, for instance, the tight five forwards - props, hooker and locks - will concentrate on having their legs in the correct position to give the maximum solidity to the pack, thus giving Brian Moore, the hooker, the best possible platform from which to strike for the ball. He will want a good look at the ball, scrum low, both to spoil

Moore's view and to reduce the effect of the English struggle It is this individual struggle hand then all sorts of opportuday, they may be halfway which often causes collapsed nities occur: the back row can down the road to victory.

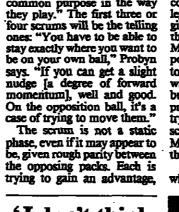
SCRUM HEELS

O CHANNEL ONE: a fast ball, coming direct from the hooker between left-hand flanker and lock straight to the scrum half, who will already have settled with his No. 8 how quick dispatch to the backs, or for a linking move with the back row. The fast ball is designed to launch an attack before the opposition know where the thrust is coming, possibly while their flankers are still bound to the scrum.

● CHANNEL TWO: a ball worked across the scrum between the locks. Slower possession but not neces a defensive move as it may allow the scrum half time to settle himself for a kick, either out of defence or into the box (the area just behind the opposing scrum but in front of the full back).

run through its repertoire of attacking moves, the scrum half gets the ball in his hands lapse the scrum, save as a going forward, which lends impetus to the whole back line, the opposition are con-stantly on the back foot, as Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, would say, and that is dispiriting.
Peter Wheeler, who was the

native. Indeed, if one scrum has gained superiority a good prop will try and hold his beaten opposite number up so that the concerted drive of England hooker when the grand slam was won against Scotland in 1980, described eight forwards can take effect and create chances for the the feeling of a successful scrum thus: "There was one Wales illustrated all too obviously against Scotland a scrum at Murrayfield which I fortnight ago the limitations regard as the best I have ever imposed by a poor scrum. Even though they had a period been part of It took place near Even though they had a period the Scotland line, on our own of intense pressure on the ball, and Billy Beaumont Scotlish line just before the called for a double-shove. The interval, they could not score ball was heeled, the scrum because they were being locked and pushed and I can pushed back, and anything still recall the feeling as we that Mark or Robert Jones surged forward like a superattempted was with poor pos- charged car going into overbut his opposing tight-head session, while Scotland's tech-prop — Paul Burnell — will be nical advantage enabled John scrum expects that kind of trying to keep his side of the Jeffrey and Derek White to advantage, which comes from stand off and concentrate on a technical rather than physthe next stage of the defence. ical superiority, but if England If a pack gains the upper can revive that sensation to-



'I don't think in the world'



With Rendall to the fore, the England front row prepares to take issue at a set scrattle



Streetwise Scots will pose fresh problems

entertainment but could not snatch back the 16-point lead that England established in the first half. In the first half-hour England scored three tries, one

by Mike Slemen on the left wing

face previously and I think the

same holds on this occasion. I

feel that England have had no

pressure put on them at all this season although, to be fair, that is partly because they

have been so dominant up

"Scotland, though, will get

stuck in about them. The

Scots are streetwise now, you

know, because the team has

been together for quite a few

games, they have got to know each other's style and under

Telfer and McGeechan they

have simply got better all the

There are few Scots who believe that if this afternoon's

match had been at Twick-

were in England's beatan team.

© England's best acore against the Scots was also achieved at Murrayfield, when their 30-18 victory clinched the 1960 grand stan. John Carleton, the England right wing, scored three tries to emulate Cwell Love, who also accord three.

FACTS AND FIGURES BEHIND THE GRAND SLAM DECIDER AT MURRAYFIELD

By Roddy Forsyti

Michael Rutherford how it felt to have a famous daddy. Michael, the four-year-old son of John Rutherford, whose Scottish international half back partnership with Roy Laidlaw set a world record for longevity, replied: "I don't know but he still can't make

The senior Rutherford has never been known as a kite flier either, tending instead to the mixture of candour and perceptiveness which has made him a popular choice in Scotland as one of rugby's principal media analysts. It is fascinating then to discover that for Rutherford, today's events at Murrayfield have been preceded by an unusually profound sense of dejà vu.

"To anyone who played, as I did, in Scotland's grand slam side in 1984, there are a lot of parallels between the final match then, which was against France, and this decider with

"When we played the French we were definite underdogs. They had a very good side, as England do now, and we quickly discovered in that match that we were up against a much better team than anyone else we had encountered in the championship that year.

"But the French also found themselves with problems they had not been required to stood anything approaching

and have won 50, Scotland 38

and three conversions, and he is one of four players from that XV who take the field today: the others are Scott Hastings, Jeffrey and Calder while Hatliday, Andrew,

Of the England players who contested the Calcutta Copmatch 10 years ago, which brought them their last grand slam, only two have played regular first-class rugby this season: Paul Dodge, the Leicester centre who was injured in November, and Keith Robertson, the Scottish wing on March 15, 1980, who saw Melrose to their first championship last weekend (David Hands writes). Robertson was part of a Scotland XV in 1980 whose notable second-half revival contributed mightily to the day's entertainment but could not Dusty Hare converted the first

Dusty Hare converted the first two and replied to a penalty from Andy Irvine by kicking a penalty himself, giving England a 19-3 half-time advantage. Irvine's second penalty was ensed by Steve Smith's unconverted try but Afan Tomes was in support of Jim Renwick's clusive run to score Scotland's first try, which Irvine converted.

Hare's second penalty and Carleton's third try put England clear but Scotland closed the gap when John Rutherford scored between the posts, Irvine converting in a match which gave Tony Neary, the Broughton Park flanker, his 43rd cap which remains a record for England.

Murrayfield is a potent arena for Scottish emotion.

To make certain that native courage is screwed to the sticking place today, the Scottish Rugby Union has shown itself willing to make the prematch ceremonial something of a set-piece and to win early ossession of morale.

Having agreed earlier to this season to abandon God Save the Queen as the anthem to be played before Scottish international matches, the SRU adopted the song Flower of Scotland, composed by the Cornes folk duo, and an immensely popular choice on the terraces. However, when it was played prior to the Walesenham, their team would have Scotland match in Cardiff two weeks ago, a single verse

impressive in contrast to the Welsh rendition of Land of My Fathers.

Accordingly, today the first and third verse of Flower of Scotland, which rousingly celebrates the rout of the English army at Bannockburn, will be played accompanied by the pipe band, to permit the supporters to hit full patriotic stride at the key moment.

Another unseen but potent influence on the Scots has been the tenor of the prematch coverage in certain sections of the English-based media. Rutherford said yesterday: "Our boys will love it. The other day a certain English writer wrote that only two of the Scottish team would get into the English side. Well, that's just ammunition for the

The sum of this Scottish side, Rutherford reckons to be about equal to the one which last took the grand slam, "We were probably a wee bit stronger up front, whereas this side has the edge in the backs and the present team is brilliant at turning play round and scoring on the counter-attack.

"But Scotland Murrayfield? They're worth six points of a start, a try and a conversion. As for England, we know they are a very good team. Now we will find out whether they are a truly great















CRICKET

England must seize chance to rethink their Test strategy

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Port of Spain

In 16 days since their astounding first Test win in Kingston, England's only cricket has been three one-day games. They have lost the lot, each performance worse than the last so that when they arrived in Trinidad last night they were confronted by four days of suddenly inflated

importance. From the safety of distance, the fixture with a Board President's XI, which begins today at Guaracara Park, 40 miles outside Port of Spain. looked the nearest thing to mid-tour relaxation. Now, it is plainly nothing of the kind, as England seck to restore momentum and settle on a Test policy in their one remaining match before the Cable and Wireless series resumes next

For reasons best known to themselves. England tried to persuade their hosts to split the four-day game, introduc-ing yet more of the limited overs cricket which does so much to compromise techniques. Thankfully, the West Indian authorities have maintained the original concept. largely because they regard it as a Test trial for a carefully

chosen President's team. England, then, must now decide which of their established Test players can safely be rested and which places have yet to be claimed. Of the latter category, two stand out. Alec Stewart and Rob Bailey resume head-to-head rivalry

chance of more practice

Buenos Aires — Cricket is only kept alive in Chile and Brazil by expatriates (Paul Parker writes).

expatriates (Paul Parker writes). In the former, there is only one cricket club in Santiago, and in the latter, three in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

The combined South American XI, which played the MCC at Hurlingham here, comprised five Englishmen and three Australians from Chile and Brazil and three Argentines and they were no match for their opponents. The margin of MCC's victory was 135 runs and the match provided useful batting practice before the start of ting practice before the start of today's unofficial two-day Test maich against Argentina at Belgrano where the wicket can best be described as unpredictable.

Among the runs again were Briance and Vaughan while Henderson took the chance to rebuild his confidence after a run of low scores. SCORES: MCC 226 for 4 dec (Briance 57, Henderson 56 not out, Vaughan 54); South American XI 91.

The England A team went sight-seeing at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, yesterday, with Bob Bennett, the tour manager, in a content mood. "I could not have asked for

the tour to have gone better," Bennett said. England play Zimbabwe in the third and final one-day international at Bulawayo tomorrow.

for the No. 3 batting position and the likely demand for spin bowling in Port of Spain promotes the cause of Keith Medivcout against the vastiv more experienced Eddie

Hemmings. Paradoxically. Bailey may have claimed an advantage over Stewart by playing in only the last of the recent overs games, and scoring 42, while Stewart played and failed in all three.

It was a surprise to many that Stewart was given first run at this key position when his commonly assumed role on this tour was as spare batsman and stand-in wicketkeeper. After some success in the early matches, he has lost his way and Bailey has returned to the equation

quicker than seemed likely. Even more important, if England are to go into this next Test in a positive frame of mind, is the inclusion of an attacking spin bowler. With

Medlycott, especially if he proves in the coming four days that his hours of tennis court bowling on rainy days in Georgetown have benefited his control.

Medlycott is an adventurer. He will concede runs but he will also bowl people out with spin and flight rather than simply pinning them down and inviting errors, as Hemmings does so capably in one-day cricket. It was, surely, for a Test match in Trinidad. and against a West Indies team full of right-handers, that the Surrey left-armer was cho-

sen on this trip. The problems of the West Indian selectors largely concern injury and illness. They have several players in doubt for the next Test, which presents added incentives to the group of fringe contenders in today's President's XI.

Clayton Lambert and Delroy Morgan will probably dispute the opening batting position if Desmond Haynes's back trouble persists: Viv Richards's haemorrhoids give Keith Arthurton reason to press his case in the middle order, most intriguing of all is the prospect of Robert Haynes's inclusion, as a leg spinner who can also bat capably.

One way and another, this match in the oil fields of Pointe-a-Pierre will reveal some interesting answers. due respect to Fiemmings, this quite apart from providing a firmly indicates selecting merciful release

MCC take the New Zealand find runs a precious commodity

From Qamar Ahmed, Wellington

Resuming at their overnight 18 without loss. New Zealand added only 75 runs. Though the wicket had eased up a little and played a shade better than the lirst day, when Australia were devastated for only 110 runs, it was not conducive to strokemaking. Runs became a precious commodity as Alderman. Rackemann and Campbell pinned the batsmen down with

their nagging accuracy. Taking a winning lead may not be an easy task for New Zealand when play resumes today. They require 17 runs to pass Australia's score. Australia may spring a surprise. New Zealand's bassmen were

New Zealand struggled against Australia as they finished the second day's play at the Basin Reserve with only 93 runs in their first innings for the loss of three wickets. Heavy rain during the night and intermittent showers almost throughout the morning reduced play to three hours.

Resuming at their overment that are a set A lotted on drive was ner, Taylor, tempted Franklin to have a go. A lofted on drive was superbly caught by Marsh at mid-on. In 21th hours, Franklin had made only 28 runs.

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Umpres. S Dunne and S Woodward.

TENNIS: BRITAIN'S NO. 6 MATCHES TOP CANADIAN FOR SECOND TIME IN MONTH

Petchey's retrieval of form is rewarded

Tennis Correspondent

Mark Petchey was beaten in three sets by Chris Pridham in the final of the LTA Satellite Masters at Telford yesterday, but he should be heartened by his performance against the Canadian Davis Cup player ranked over 100 places above

Pridham is an experienced player who has risen as high as 75th in the world. Two years ago he reached the third round of Wimbledon, which, by satellite standards, is pretty hot stuff. Yet Petchey, who three months ago was so short of form and confidence that he lost in the first round of four straight satellite events, has now matched the Canadian twice in four weeks. At Croydon, at the start of the Serve and Volley circuit three

weeks ago, he lost in the final to Pridham 7-5, 7-6. Yesterday, as he took the first set comfortably enough, he even looked set to turn the tables, But, as in his semi-final against Caratti, the Briush No. 6 relaxed 100 soon, lost his serve early in the second set and, unlike the previous day, was never able to recover the initiative, losing 46, 6-2, 6-3. An ounce more concentration at the right moments and there is not be challenging for a Davis Cup place in the next few years.

Despite that defeat, the performances of the British players. Petchey, James Turner, Lilli Nganga and Danny Sapsford, over the past three weeks have been ample reward for the investment made in the Satellite Circuit by the LTA.



Confidence back: Petchey looked set to turn the tables on Pridham at Telford yesterday

Wilander to take a one month break

Stockholm (AFP) — Mats
Wilander intends to take one month off the circuit to try to win back his once legendary concentration. Wilander said that he would not relaunch himself on the ATP tour until he wanted to play.

that is the problem.

"I would rather take six months off teunis than force myself to return on court and give a sub-standard performance." he said. The 25-year-old world No. 2, who won five singles titles and

himself on the ATP tour until he wanted to play.

Struggling to regain the form that made him world No. I at the start of 1989, he admitted:

"I've been having problems concentrating for a long time. Perhaps, after so many defeats, it's the fear of being beaten again

retirement,
"I am determined to make another major effort to re-capture the world No. I spot and I consider I still have two or three seasons ahead of me in which to do it."

• MIAMI: The Wimbledon

ter reports).

The 22-year-old world No. 2, who won five singles titles and recorded a 14-3 record against other top 10-ranked players, earned the top individual award from the ATP's 500 members.

In addition to his two grand slam titles last year, Becker led West Germany to a second

Michael Chang, of the United States, whose ranking jumped from thirtieth to fifth in the world last year, was named most improved player of 1989. Chang became the youngest make ever to win a grand slam tournament with his sumning French Open title at 17.

Theworld No. 3, Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, won the sportsmanship award.

SNOOKER: HOLDER SETS PACE FOR FAVOURITE IN EUROPEAN OPEN FINAL

Parrott finds French dressing to his taste

From Steve Acteson, Lyons John Parrott, who reluctantly gave up the delights of the Cheltenham Festival — hit's the best three days of the year" - to defend his Credit Lyonnais European Open title here, has himself fallen at the final hurdle.

Liverpool, has triumphed only ince but there appears to be something about snooker with a French dressing that is very

Last season he beat Terry Griffiths in the climax to the inaugural European open in Deauville and yesterday he led the favourite. Stephen Hendry, 5-4 at the end of the first session having held the whip hand for the better part of the alternoon. Hendry was playing in his

Hendry was playing in his seventh final of the season. In nine previous finals. Par-ron, the world No 2 from and needed victory to cut his decilit behind the world No. 1. Steve Davis, in the provisional rankings to only one point. He reat the world champion 6-3 in Thursday's semi-finals while

Parrott defeated Steve James by the same score but more convincingly.

Hendry, a 21-year-old Scot, had appeared jaded against Davis, making a surprisingly high number of elementary mistakes and, as in that match,

fell 3-1 behind yesterday. He missed a simple brown after potting the last red in the opening frame for Parrott to clear to black. Hendry won the second by virtue of a snooker on the green but Parrott saumered with breaks of 69 and 74.

Another successful snooker was Hendry's key to frame five and, after Parrott had broken down at 40 in the sixth, Hendry added a further clearance of 51 to level the scores.

Further runs of 40 and 67 pushed Parrott two frames ahead but Hendry's break of 56 was enough to give him the last of the session to stand only one behind with a further scheduled 10 frames to play.

RESULT: Finale J Parrott (Eng) leads 3 Handry (Scot), 5-4. Thursday's late semi-final resole Parrott of 5 James (Eng), 6-8. rtugby league.

RUGBY UNION

Aitchison sets up English victory

By Alan Lorimer

Scottish Univs

English Univs. English Universities avenged their defeat of last year with a convincing win over Scottish Universities who were outweighed in the set scrums and out jumped in the lineouts. Scottish Universities had the satisfaction of scoring the first try, when Alex Snow burst over. t was their only try in the first half and was matched by a spectacular 65-metre run by Andy Parton, the English right

Andy Parton, the English right wing, for an excellent try.

After the restart English Universities attacked immediately and were rewarded with a try by their centre Rob MacNaughton. Graham Aitchison missed the conversion but attend with a conclusion. sion but atoned with a couple of

They increased their lead when their captain Alex Millard scored a try, blind side. Scottish Universities. duced a second score with only 10 minutes remaining, a try by Mike Cousin. The English studends however replied with a

touchdown by their hooker Bill Norton. Airchison added the Norton. Aitchison added the Conversion.

SCORERS: Scoriish Universities: Tries: Snow. Cousin. English Universities: Tries: Snow. Cousin. English Universities: Tries: Parton, Mackaughton. Milard, Norton. Conversion: Auditson. Penelty goals: Aktrison (4).

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Bramley the captain for youth match

Richard Bramley, who led Yorkshire to success in the colts county championship in December, will captain England in their first youth international of the in their first youth international of the season, against Italy in Segni today (David Hands writes). Bramley, the Wakefield lock, will joins forces with Sean Fletcher, of Lancashire. England Youth T Alison (Blahop's Stortford). J. Bonney (Southend). C Stortford). J. Bonney (Southend). C Stortford). A Blackess (Barker's Buttis). D Walest (England (Hossin). S Stortford). A Blackess (Barker's Buttis). D Walest (England (Rossin). S Counternal (Rossin). A Blackess (Rossin). B Remedi (Abbey). S Fletcher (West, Part). R Bramley (Wattonfold, Captesn). L Bastner (Rossin). Part). C Watton (Rossin). Part). C Conference (Rossin). Beginner (Bastner). Beginner (Bestord). Bestimer (England (Rossin). C Conference (Bestimer). D Byta (Wattonfol).

The New Zealand Rugby Football Union (NZRFU) has reappointed. Alex Wyllie to Coach the All Blacker.

reappointed Alex Wyllie to coach the All Blacks until the 1991 World Cup. Scott Gourley, the Australian flanker, has switched codes to

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From Stuart Jones Football Correspondent Milan

Of all the league fixtures to be Staged this weekend, one over-shadows the rest. It will not take place, as some might imagine, in Manchester, where United and Liverpool are to feature on Even that will be dwarfed by the

local derby in Milan,

The setting alone lifts the game here far above the ordinary. The San Siro stadium. where the World Cup finals will open on June 8, was already an awesome edifice before it was refurbished at a cost of £50 million. Now it is possibly the most breathraking arena in the world.

It is sure to reverberate with the noise of a capacity crowd of more than 83,000 tomorrow afternoon. Not only are both sets of supporters on home territory but the traditional warfare, which has been waged since 1947, is also laced with a few additional pinches of the state of

additional pinches of spice.

Inter, the champions and the holders of the Italian Supercup (a title they collected by beating Sampdoria 2-0 in November) are lying fourth and need to regain their stature. In the words of Zenga, their international goal-keeper, "a clear-cut victory would restore our prestige and keep our fans happy".

keep our fans happy".

It would also deepen the self doubt surrounding their rivals.

AC Milan, the champions of Europe and of the world, are the leaders, but their irresistible progress was arrested a week ago. An unbeaten run of 15

ago. An unbeaten run of 15 games ended in comparatively humiliating circumstances. They lost 3-0 at Juventus, Arrigo Saachi, Milan's manager, explained that his players were "mentally and physically exhausted." Their programme has recently included the European Cup (having held Mechelen to a goalless draw in Belgium, they will complete the quarter-final tie on Wednesday) and the Italian Cup (in the semi-final they will play, of all teams. final they will play, of all teams,

"The worst is over". Saachi says. But he has lost Ancelosti. known as the Bionic Man after numerous operations to rebuild his fragile knees, because of suspension and van Basten, their prolific centre forward who is the League's leading scorer, has uncharacteristically not claimed a goal in either of the

Yet AC Milan are powerful enough for Silvio Berlusconi to propose that they should repre-sent the nation in the World Cup. Even if he is the owner of the club, his suggestion was not

Apart from van Basten and Rijkaard, the Datchmen who would be ineligible, the side is littered with Italian internationals. So is Inter's defence in particular. Their attack, led Klinsmann and shaped by Matthaus, carries more of a West German accent.

AC Milan, who triumphed 3-0 in the November derby, are seeking to protect the lead they gained initially at the end of last month. On the day that they niently opened the way with a 3-I victory over Naples, who were deposed. No such neighbourly favours will be offered

Crewe, is expected to be a substitute. Wednesday are Hoddle sees a specialist

about his knee Wright returns from suspension for Derby, who Glenn Hoddle was examined by a specialist in London yesterday in an attempt to decide whether or not to operate on his troublesome left knee, which is keeping him out of the Monaco team, in the French first division

Appe, his wife, said that she expected him back in Monaco today when they would discuss the merits of surgery, which could save his career.

IN BRIEF

Ware to NFL

Houston (Agencies) - Andre Ware, the University of Hous-

ton running back who won the Heisman Trophy as the leading player in the country last year, will forgo his final college season and enter the National Football League draft next month. Drug free

Los Angeles (Reuter) — Hank Gathers, college basketball star, who died after collapsing on court during a game early this month, was killed by a diseased, inflamed heart muscle, the coroner's office said. No trace of medication or drugs was found. Gornall ban

Alan Gornall, who has already

being reinstated as an amateur. has been ruled out of tomorrow's Grand Prix of Essex - which he won in 1985 - because he is a former professional. Derek Worsley, race director, said: "I have already turned down two other ex-professionals 50 I had to be consistent."

Still needed

Wilf O'Reilly, deposed national speed skating champion, and ice pair skaters, Cheryl Peake and Andrew Naylor, dropped from the worlds team, will represent Britain and Europe against Canada, United States and the Soviet Union at the Basingstoke interantional on April 30 and

Nielsen back

Hans Nielsen, world speedway champion, and the Oxford management agreed on new terms vesterday after the Dane had quit the club mid-week. He led Oxford at Belle Vue last night, the opening match of the

FOOTBALL

Aberdeen seek to improve on their indifferent record

There is no doubt that the line at East End Park, es- electronic frolic in the transirregularly shaped ball dominates the football codes in Scotland this afternoon, but today also marks the quarterfinal stage of this season's Scottish Cup with the prospect of four balanced ties, the most interesting of which, perhaps, is that at Pittodrie where Aberdeen meet Heart of Aberdeen's record against

the Tynecastle side has been indifferent this season and last Saturday's defeat by Hibernian, another of today's last beat them at Parkhead earlier eight, confirmed their discomfort when matched with Edinburgh opposition. Most surprisingly against Hibernian, the experienced Aberdee defender, Willie Miller, looked brittle but his lack of co-ordination may have been an early symptom of the virus he suffered this week.

Miller has recovered and will play this afternoon, while lan Robertson, who missed the Hibs outing, is restored to contention. For their parts, Hearts travel north with a full

Celtic, the cup-holders, are

pecially since Tommy Wilson, mission of our report of that Jimmy Nicholl and Eddie match suggested that the Gallagher are all suspended scorer of the winning goal, and the Northern Irish winger George O'Boyle is still unable first match for Hibs since his to play because of a knee transfer from Aberdeen. injury. By contrast, Celtic have only to replace Mike

Galloway in midfield, another absentee because of indiscipline, but while the visitors are in the midst of a healthy spell of productive form they have been forcefully reminded in training that Dunfermline this season. Dundee United and Hiber-

nian meet at Tannadice, where the United manager, Jim McLean, made what was for him an untypical pronouncement earlier this week when he said that his side had the beating of any other in the Scottish Cup. For both clubs, the trophy represents the last honour open to them this season and United's cutting edge is reinforced by the inclusion of Jim McInally in midfield.

Hibernian, however, looked

Paul Wright, was playing his

As it happens, that was literally true, but since he spent some months at Queen's Park Rangers in the interim, Wright is not cup tied and will take part in today's proceedings.

The card is completed by the romantic pairing of Clydebank, of the first division, and Stirling Albion, of the second division. Clydebank, victors over St Mirren on Monday, are weakened at the back by the absence of the suspended Joe Dickson and John Maher and Jim Rodger will do well to recover from a niggling calf injury. For Stirling, Vinnie Moore is restored after suspension and will bring his influential pressure to bear.

Only one replay is allowed should any of the sides fail to resolve their differences but, on Wednesday at least, they will not have to compete with expected to go through at their most lively in last week's a national crusade at first attempt against Dunferm-victory over Aberdeen. An Murrayfielld.

United must sustain record

By Ian Ross

Although Manchester United's defeated Queen's Park Rangers record against Liverpool in League games over the past decade has been nothing short of remarkable, they have rarely needed a victory over their rivals quite as much as they do

If Liverpool should win at Old Trafford, United's plight near the foot of the first division table will deepen appreciably with the prospect of relegation greater than ever. While form does not suggest a United victory, the record books certainly do not favour Liverpool. last 20 league meetings.

Liverpool declined to name their side yesterday for a game that could prove to be a dress rehearsal for this season's FA Cup Final, but with relatively few injury problems, it is ex-pected to be the one which

First division

consecutive match.

Forest

Arsenal v Chelsea

Groves is fit again, and joins the Arsenal squad. Chelsea are

Charlton v Nottm Forest

Watson, aged 18, is expected to start in Charlton's attack for

Jemson are likely to return for

Coventry v Sheff Wed Edwards, Coventry's

without Francis (ankie):

Carr is the likely deputy.

choose between Blades and

Hindmarch as his partner in

Villa's £1.5 million midweek

Preece and Harvey return for Luton after injury, but Wilson (groin) faces a late fitness test. Allen is recalled the

Mark Calcavecchia, aged 29, the

Open champion, and Jodie Mudd, who is also 29 and from

Kentucky, each scored a 67 at different ends of the first day to

character of the list day to lead the The Players' Championship.

David Graham, the Australian veteran, and David Edwards lay on 68 while among players on 69 were Tom Watson, Nick Price, Fred Couples, and Pales Couples,

and Robert Gamez, the 21-year-old winner of the Tucson Open

in January.

Calcavecchia claimed that he

picked up a useful tip by watching his partner, Paul Azinger, putting on the third green and thereafter struck his

own putts with more precision.

"I saw that he was hitting down on the ball and getting it

to roll really well on the bumpy

professional but his appetite for the game shows little sign of diminishing (a Special Corres-

pondent writes). As long as the

putts keep dropping as they did in the Tenerife Open yesterday he will continue to grace the

European circuit he first joined in 1972.

A first tournament victory for seven years is now in prospect after a second round 69 put him

eight under par at the halfway stage at Amarilia. Even when disaster arrived in the form of a

double bogey as it did at the

10th yesterday, his serenity was

one guessing over club selection,

The wind, which had every-

unruffled.

greens," said the Open winne

lead for most of the day.

central defence. Cascarino,

signing from Millwall, makes his debut in attack.

Luton v Man City

£300,000 midweek signing from

in an FA Cup sixth round replay on Wednesday night.

Rush, the Welsh international forward who played his 400th senior game for Liverpool in mid-week, will be seeking his first goal against United in his eighteenth senior appearance against the club. The fact that I have scored against every first division club except Manchester United did used to bother me goal for so long now that it never crosses my mind," he said.

The size of United's task will be increased should Hughes, Rush's Welsh international colleague, fail to recover from a calf injury he sustained during the midweek game against Everton at Old Trafford. The injury is responding slowly to treatment. Anderson, the former Eng-

City attack, but Quinn, a £750,000 buy from Arsenal, arrived too late to start.

Everton retain the side

and Bright (suspended).

Wimbledon are without

and MANIBER are the interpolation substitutes. Osman (beck) is doubtful, so Ruddock is poised to deputize for Southampton.

Man Utd v Liverpool Hughes (calf) is likely to miss his first match for United

From John Ballantine, Ponte Vedra, Florida

Several challengers, including Couples, Craig Stadler, and Watson, made moves towards

Calcavecchia's top score during

a long day in which the weather

changed from humid 80-degree sunshine to a brisk wind and

be Mudd, a lean, tough Louis-ville professional who won the Byron Nelson Classic last year

and who is one of the typically strong players in this formidable field.

Mudd had two very different nines. He scored all pars on what Americans call "the front side" and then had five burdes

a couple of 10-footers on his

Cañizares makes experience count

contributed to the loss of those two strokes at the 529-yard 10th.

His long-iron tee shot, des-

tined for a narrow shelf on the

fairway, was swept towards a rocky slope transformed for this week into a lateral water hazard.

His ball finished in an unplay-

able position among the stones. After a penalty shot and a well struck one-iron, he still needed a

full nine-iron for his fourth

stroke to the double tier green, but left it on the bottom level.

and took three putts. Canizares

got back both the shots with five-foot putts at the 15th and

17th, then produced a birdie at

Among those who are trying

on "the back nine".

"I started hitting all my putts cactly where I aimed them."

His good stroking, together with a bunker shot holed for a shafted putter with two grips that he employed in the early

birdie, put Calcavecchia in the part of the season. He did roll in

Tenerife - José-María permitted him only two birdies

Canizares is in his 24th year as a in an outward 34 and then

Only right at the very end, as the big bass were starting to leap at flies at dusk in the many lakes, did someone equal the leading total and this proved to

overcast skies.

through injury since his return from Barcelona.

McClair will probably play in central attack, with

Beardsmore wide on the right. Anderson is fit and

Tomorrow

First division

which drew at Manchester

Everton v Crystal Palace

United in midweek, Palace are without Hopkins (Achilles)

Wimbledon v Sthampton

Fairweather (suspended); Gayle and McAllister are the likely

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

get. Playing against Liverpool does tend to bring the best out of us as a team" said Alex Ferguson, the United manager.

for Liverpool reserves against Manchester United reserves at Anfield today hoping to persuade Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, to pay Standard Liège, of Belgium, the £450,000 it will take to secure him on a permanent basis.

to join Luton Town, but the deal collapsed after the two clubs were unable to agree on a

Plea by clubs to switch tie is turned down

plea to the FA to switch starting times with the other last-four With both matches being televised live, Oldham and

Derby County's young mid-field player, Steve Taylor, was yesterday showing signs of recovery after collapsing at the club's training ground on Thursday. The 20-year-old reserve player has been on the critical list at a Nottingham hospital

land international defender, is, however, available again after injury and he will replace Duxbury at right-back. "It is important that we get something out of this game because we do need as many points as we can

Ronnie Rosenthal, the Israeli international forward, will play

Rosenthal had been expected

Liverpool and Crystal Palace

Cup semi-final will almost certainly have to remain a midday confrontation.

The clubs, worried about travelling problems for their supporters for the April 8 tie at Villa Park, have made a joint

Manchester United meet on the same Sunday at Maine Road with a 3.30pm kick off — but Anfield chief executive. Peter Robinson, says it would make more sense if instead Liverpool and Palace had that starting

replaces Duxbury at right-back. Liverpool are expected to field the side which beat QPR on Wednesday night. Calcavecchia and Mudd lead Johnson is

second half but after finishing

with 74 predicted that he would probably need a 70 in yes-terday's second round in order

to qualify. The Scot won here in 1987, but in the last five years

has missed the cut on four occasions. He was the last man

away from the first tee

There has been some grum-

bling here over the absence of leading Europeans, particularly in view of seven or eight Ryder

Cup players, including Severiano Ballesteros and Nick

Faldo competing in the Nestlés Milk Invitational in Orlando

next week. The American pros

have mixed views whether the Europeans should be allowed to

compete at will on the US tour.

FIRST ROUND SCORES (US unless statied): 67: M Calvaccechia. J Mudd. 68: D Graham (Aus). D Edwards. 82: B Eastwood, C Burroughs, D Ogrin, S Pase. R Gamez. F Couples. T Wasson, P Persons, D Waldorf, N Price (South Africa). Others 70: H Irwin, C Stadler, 71: L Nelson, G Norman (Aus). K Green, P Stewart, R Tway, 72: P Azinger, T Kite, C Strange. British score: 74: A Lyle.

to catch him is José Mariá

Olazabal, the defending cham-pion, and the golfer most likely

to deprive Canizares of a sixth

Olázabal, aged 24, who opened with a 68, set about eliminating his leeway with relish, moving to six under par

with two early birdies. Neil Han-

sen, from London, is the stan-dard bearer for the British

contingent after a 72 left him on

LEADRIG SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB or Ireland unless stated): 138: J-M Carizzares (Sp), 67, 69, 141; N Hansen, 69, 72: V Fernandez (Arg), 67, 74; J Angiade (Sp), 71, 70, 142: B Hughes (Aus), 71, 71; B Malley (US), 72, 70; J Ruero (Sp), 71, 71; J Ruthedge (Can), 70, 72; J Heggarty, 70, 72; C Matman, 70, 72, 143; M McLean, 73, 70; J Price, 68, 75; M Moutand, 70, 73.

European success.





Wembley loser: Anders Nielsen going out to Rachid Sidek, of Malaysia, in the third round

Pressure on Whetnall to quit

By Richard Eaton

Paul Whetnall, the England manager, yesterday agreed that he is under pressure to relin-quish his job and says that he has not made up his mind whether to ask to have his contract renewed when the time of England realises it".

BOWLS

Past champions

on the march

By Gordon Allan

Singles competition always Terry Perkins scored three on

contact renewen when the time comes in August.

Whethall, a good coach and an exceptionally decent man, has yet to prove himself a successful manager under difficult conditions of declining financial and playing resources.

But Fuelish disappointment has But English disappointment has been so great recently that there have been rumours he may go.
"I have heard them and I

know they are going around." Whetnall said. "It's a very strong rumour and I'm waiting to see whether those people who have been making them will

championship yesterday.

Andy Thomson the holder

and two other past winners. Tony Allcock and David Bry-

ant, advanced to the quarter-finals but Roy Cutts, who won in 1986, lost 21-10 to Allcock

after conceding an 18-1 lead. Thomson had two hard

matches—good preparation for even hard ones to come. Steve Cooper, aged 18, from Westcliffe traded shot for shot for much of the game before losing 21-17, and Jack Davies from Brighton took Thomson to the being 21.20

Thomson's next opponent is

Jim Moulds who put an end to

the aspirations of Martin Milk.

aged 17, a Somerset schoolboy, in the opening round. Rob Crawshaw a crown green bowler qualified to play Allcock.

beginning

to threaten

From Patricia Davies

Touching wood, fingers crossed

whisper it quietly, but the world of golf may be about to witness the re-birth of Trish Johnson as

a player to be reckoned with. Having finished in the top 15

in her last two events in America, she started the Circle

K Tucson Open with a round of 71, one under par, in a testing,

swirling wind on Thursday. That left her four shots behind

Marta Figueras-Dotti, of Spain

and Nancy Rubin, of the United States, leaders by one stroke

from Amy Benz, another

her matches in the Curtis Cup at Prairie Dunes four years ago. Johnson, now aged 24, was earmarked for stardom. Her

temperament improved, her re-

sults are now starting to reflect

First round (US unless stated): 57: M
Rguerus-Dotti (Sp); N Rubin, 58: A Benz,
58: B Pearson; K Rogerson, 70: C Gerring;
P Bradley; Ok-Hee Ku (S Kor); L Kean, 71:
M McGeorge; L Walters (Can); D Massey;
B King; J Briles; V Sidniner: L Garbacz; T
Johnson (GB); C Kegg; A Oksemoto (Jap);
J Uctrack; T Green; C Walker; P Hayes,
Other British and European scores; 72: A
Nicholas, 73: S Lowe, 74: A-M Pah (Fr).
75: L Davies, 78: K Davies.

Britain's Alison Nicholas, the

Ever since she won all four of

American.

her ability.

the brink, 21-20.

followed failures in the world mixed team championships and the European championships of come out and face me.
"Resign? I have thought about
it. If it is in the best interest of
badminton I would do so but I feel I have a lot to give and I hope the Badminton Association

Rumours have spread around Wembley during the Yonex All England Championships this week following disappointments in which no English woman survived the first day for the first land Championships.

She was joined on the winners' time since the war and no home player reached a singles quarter final for the first time in eight

responsible for performance individual events, but English efforts in the Thomas and Uber Cup qualifying matches last month were also worrying and

Edwards and her crew are presently 16 hours adrift but Fiona Smith, England's triple

Commonwealth Games gold medallist in Anckland, today won the Badminton Writers' Association award for 1990. Smith, who has also won the national women's singles title five times, went out in her first match of this week's All Eng-

rostrum yesterday by Joanne Wright, who scooped the BWA's ignior award, and the now retired Gillian Gilks, who won a special prize in recognition of her 111 international caps and 11 Ali England Champ

Davies in line for

Sharron Davies, of Bracknell, draws a bigger crowd than any other form of the game and the Melton Mowbray stadium was packed for the English indoor continued her winning run in the Milk In Action Grand Prix series by qualifying fastest for three finals in Southampton yesterday (Craig Lord writes). at the Moscow Olympics, re-corded 28.60sec in the 50 metres butterfly, after watching Caro-line Foot, of Millfield, pull Zoe

British junior record of 29,11 sec in the previous heat. Harrison took 0.22 seconds off the time she set two weeks ago at The final promises to be one of the closest races of the meet, with three Commonwealth

swimmers making up the num-bers. The strongest challenge should come from Madelaine Scarborough, the World Cup butterfly champion from Ports-mouth. Davies also qualified in pole position in the 200 metres individual medley and 100 me-SKIING

SWIMMING

final spree Davies, a silver medal winner Harrison, of Norwich, to a

her skipper, said.

LEADING POSITIONS (after four legal): Mast division: 1, Steinlager 2 (P. Bieka, NZ), 88days: 16hours: 36mins; 2, Ment (P. Fehimasin, Switz), 89-20-34; 3, Fisher & Paykei (G. Daiton, NZ), 90-03-03; 4, Rothmens (L. Smit, GB), 90-18-31; 5, Charles Jourdan (A. Gabbay, Fr), 93-11-38; 6, The Card (R. Nison, Swe), 93-20-43; 7, Fortune (J. de la Gandara, Sp), 95-00-22; 8, Gatorade (G. Palck, It), 93-17-41; 9, Satquere British Defender (Cor Cwestlina, GB), 96-01-25; 10, Fazisi (S. Nowel, USSR), 96-02-42; 11, USF Finland (J. English, Ira), 97-02-26; 13, Beistnort, Finland (H. Harlumo, Finl, 97-02-32; 14, Uverpool Enterprise (B. Salmon, GB), 105-23-30. Divisien bre: 1, Equity & Law (D. Nauta, Neth), 104-16-36. Division three: 1, L'Espit de Liberta (P. Tabarly, Fr, 115:12-56; 2, Maiden (T. Edwards, GB), 116-05-32; 3, Schussel von Brennen (Dr. P. Wedder, WG), 117:10-48; 4, Le Poste (B. Maile, Fr), 128-02-17, Crusteer division: 1, Cregitions, Nautally Li Chattenden, GB, 116-14-07; 2, With Integrity (A. Coghèl, GB), 117-21-35.

YACHTING

Blake has

few worries

as fifth

leg starts

By Barry Pickthall

As a team of divers work to salvage the capsized Finnish Whitbread maxi. Mariela OF.

and tow the up-turned hull to

Montivideo, the remaining 22 strong fleet set out from Punta

del Este. Uruguny, today bound for Fort Lauderdale on the fifth

and penultimate stage of the 33,000-mile Whitbread Round

We will be sailing conservatively with a capital C from

here to the finish." Peter Blake, the skapper of the leading New Zealand ketch Steinlager 2, said.

He can afford to. Having won the four previous legs. Blake and

his crew have built up a

comfortable 28-hour lead over Pierre Fehlmann's second-

placed Swiss maxi. Ment. and with his New Zcaland rival, Grant Dalton and his ketch

Fisher & Paykel, a further seven

hours astern. Steinlager's begest threat now is gear failure and collisions with whales or

Rothmans, Britain's leading

entry, trails 50 hours behind Steinlager, but with a 65-hour gap dividing the Lawrie Smithskippered yacht from the fifthplaced French challenger, Charles Jourdan, the British

crew are expected to gamble all by taking a different course to the leaders in the race to be first

the leaders in the race to be first through the Doldrums and into the steady north-east trades.

Satquote British Defender, the Joint Services entry skippered by Cdr Colin Watkins, is back in ninth place, eight hours behind Italy's Gatorade and fending off close challenges from the Soviet Union's Fazzia and UBF Finland. Bob Salmon's Liverpool Enterpose trails

on's Liverpool Enterprise trails on's Liverpoor enterprise traits in 14th place, a massive 17 days behind Steinlager. In division three, the race is just as exciting, with the lead

swapping between Patrick Tabarly's French yacht, L'Esprit

de Liberte, and Tracy Edwards's

all-women team on Maiden.

Peter Blake: cautious

they made up double that amount during the second stage and are determined to make a

race of it over the final 9,000 miles back to Southampton.

In the Cruiser class, there have been wholesale changes in

the crew of the veteran British

maxi With Integrity which trails John Chittenden's Creightons

setting out with 12 on board instead of the 16 we have had on

the previous legs which has

beloed lighten ship and should make us more competitive in light winds." Andrew Coghill, her skipper, said.

Naturally by 31 hours.

the World Race.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Kronberger, of Austria, aims to complete a remarkable transformation from also-ran to undisputed champion by clinching Alpine skiing's two premier titles in the last weekend of the women's World Cup season.

Keating won the national outdoor singles five years ago.
RESULTS: Singles: First round: I Daines
(Mymondram Deil) 12 T Scott (Gateshead) 21; 8 Lee (Torbey) 18 L Shoobridge
(Rotes Park) 21; 8 Mohey (Nothingham) 12
W Brakemore (City of Covenity) 21; D
Bryant (Cevedon) 21 R Bess (Cambridge
Park) 12; M Mohs (British Celiophane) 12 J
Mousts (Hull) 21; R Jenkins (Desborough,
Maisembaed) 21; P Varwacopoutos (Wey
Vasley) 11; S Cooper (Essex County) 17 A
Thomson (Cyphers) 21; J Davies (Preston
Brighton) 21 A Johnson (Newcastie) 17;
Second round: T Appleton (Eston X) 11 R
Crawhaw (Bacigool Borough) 21; R
Crawhaw (Bacigool Borough) 21; R
Cutts (Ipswich) 10 A Alicock (Bentham) 21;
T Perfons (Clarne Dumber) 21 R Keating
(Plymouth Clwi Service) 18; N Wigg (Sole
Bsy) 2 M Entwistle (City of Ely) 21; Scott
10 Shoobridge 21; Brakemore 6 Bryant
21; Moulds 21 Jenions 13; Thomson 21
Devies 20.

Gareth Edwards, landed a 45lb

Soz pike, said to be a record, at Llandegfedd reservoir in Gwent.

Hefty hook

Kronberger, with a 32-point lead at the top of the overall World Cup standings, is bidding to become the first Austrian to take the title since Annemarie Moser-Proell in 1979.

BASKETBALL CARLSBERG LEAGUE Derby Rams 86, Sunderland 76ers 96.

| Cory value | Cor BOWLS COUNTY MATCHES: Cambridgeshire 107, Heritordshire 121; Surrey 138, Essex 180.

CRICKET former British Open champion, has lost her chance of being SCHOOLS TOUR MATCH: St Aloyales School (Willoughby, Sydney) v Cumnor House, Masch abandoned, no play (min). invited to the \$600,000 Nabisco Dinah Shore championship, one of the highlight's of the women's FOOTBALL season, because she has qualifed ALGIERS: African Mations Capt Third-place play-off: Zambia 1, Sanagai G. Pinal: Algaria 1, Nigoria G. MIDILANDS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP UNIOR-15: NOSIGNAMENTE 4, DECEMBER COUNTIES LEAGUE: Avon 1, South Albartaria 1, to play on the US tour.

Mike Galeski, the championship chairman, said: "It was a very tough decision but we decided her status had changed and she is now regarded as a Ladies' Professional Golf Chemorpen (). WEST CERMAN LEAGUE: St Paul 2, Welchof Alancheim 1. Association member."

Kronberger aims for the double Are. Sweden (Reuter) - Petra win the downhill trile in the final Gerg. (NG), 55.28; 3. P. Kronberger of Austral aircraft

In addition to the downhill, the women were are racing a slalom on Sunday. Kronberger, a 21-year-old allrounder who finished only 24th last season, heads the overall standings with 326 points, ahead of compatitot Anita

Wachier, a specialist in the technical disciplines, who has 294. Vioser-Proell in 1979.

She is also in the running to RESULTS: Super-glant statum: Womer: 1. C Maria (Fr), 55.17sec; 2, M

Gerg (WG), 55.26; 3, P. Kronberger (Austria), 55.51; 4, C. Chedat (Fr), 55.67; 5, S. Wolf (Austria), 56.03, 6, F. Molesenther (WG), 56.23; 7, M. Wachter (Austria), 56.26; 10, A. Wachter (Austria), 56.26; 10, A. Wachter (Austria), 56.36; 11. S. Eder (Austria), 56.56; 13, H. Zeifer (Switz), 56.72; 14, K. Terzien (US), 56.84, 15, S. Grither (Austria), 56.93, Overall final piaciogs; 1, Merle, 990ts; 2, Gerg, 79: 3, Wolf, 73: 4, Kronberger, 68: 5, Walter, 56, 6, Moseniachier, 52, Wolfd Cup overalt; 1, Kronberger, 52, Wachter, 302; 3, Gerg, 270; 4, Waltiser, 58, 6, Moseniachier, 52, Wachter, 302; 3, Gerg, 270; 4, Waltiser, 52, Karle, 202; 6, V. Schmeder (Switz), 173, National Cup standings (men and women); 1, Austria, 2,772b; 2, Switzerland, 1,902; 3, West Germany, 1,212; 4, France, 647; 5, Italy, 559.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEASUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 3. Whinling Jets 3 (OT): Philadelphie Riyers 5. New York Istanders 4: Pittaburgh Penguins 6. Detroil Red Wings 1: Chicago Back Hawits 6. Quebec Norskues 3: Vancountr Canucks 6. St Louis Blees 5 (OT): Calgary Flames 6. New Jersey Devils 4.

SQUASH RACKETS

HELSHOC: Planksh open champiosathis: Second round: P Pakisanon (Fin) by F Johnson (Swr), 15-7, 15-2, 15-6; kir Zaman Gai Pask) bt J Hancome (Engl.) 5-8, 15-1, 17-16, 15-2, 1 Nicoles (Engl.) bt P Laworness (Phyl.) 15-7, 15-100 pt P Carrier (Engl.) 5-7, 15-13, 15-6; S Caleer (Pask) bt R Wyest (PEL) 15-7, 15-13, 15-6; S Caleer (Pask) bt R Wyest (PEL) 15-7, 15-13, 15-6, 15-13, 15-6, 15-16; M Pass (Fin) bt R Wyest (PEL) bt R Wyest (

WATER POLO

MATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE Part distance Coverny 6, Stress 1; Potters Bar 15, Stress 1; Potters Bar 15, Stress 1; Potters Bar 2; Sheet 3; Stress 2; S

YACHTING

FOR THE RECORD



BRAZI. World Team Cup: Fifth teat: (75 mis):

3. M Jurne (Austria), 1,000pts; 2, M Newtond, (Aus), 897; 3, P Harvey (28), 981; 4, J Flyten (28), 980; 5, K Tippie (28), 972; 0ther British placings; 9, B Goldsmith, 971; 10, M Cernet, 970; Overall: 1, P Coshio (8), 10,257pts; 2, Harvey, 10,118; 3, L Tudor (US, 10,104; 4, P Lopes (8), 9,572; 5, M Jurne (Austria), 2,598, 179, 179, 170, 181; 18, Holson, 9,484; 13, 79yrs, 9,481; 15, A Nelson, 9,382; 17, R Whitsil, 9,244; 18, Goldsmith, 9,179, Toese: 1, Brazi, 38,495; 2, United Status, 35,073; 3, Britain A, 38,045; 4, Britain B, 36,845; 5, Australia, 35,946. HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCH: Alderham 5, Watlord GS TYPHOO HATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

RUGBY LEAGUE SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE: Bramby 20, Husbicolists 28; Kalgoby 18, Leigh 32.

l'our Parameter.

Major influence helps young players

headline of a recent leading article in The Times. Wise words of warning followed; commands for caution; supplications for safety first. I have tidings for the leader writer: the Chancellor was not paying attention.

Some chancellors, when they go into purdah before their Budget each March, may well draw a veil across the world outside and sit in the Treasury taking note of all the lamentations of the political pundits. Not this one. At about the time our man was putting his guidelines for Tuesday's Budget into his little computer, the Rt Hon John Major PC. MP, was stirring a cup of tea and talking . . . cricket.

John Major is a cricket supporter. (To be specific, a Surrey cricket supporter.) If he was worrying about anything at all, it was not firm fiscal policy. It would have been more to do with a firm Oval wicket and how the chaps were going to perform on it this summer. Major was nine when he first visited the Oval. "We had moved from Worcester Park to Brixton. It was a two-mile walk from Coldbarbour Lane, where we lived, to the ground. I never went to Lord's. I could not afford the bus fare. I didn't have the fare," he

During the summer holidays, if Surrey were playing at home, I was almost certain to be there. One day for sure, two possibly and three if the match lasted that long. Of course, in the early 50s it did not. But I spent an enormous amount of time there, many very happy hours.

"I used to sit at square leg, assuming the batsman to be at the Pavilion end. The great frustration was when Surrey were playing at Guildford, or playing away.

How long had he been a member? "In spirit, since I could walk, almost." Because of affairs of state, Major has not seen as much cricket as he would have liked these past couple of years. Even so, he had been marked down by Raman Subba Row, Surrey's chief executive, as a Surrey loyalist. And when this year the county club decided that, as there was no beneficiary, they would have their own benefit for youth the Chancellor was invited to be Patron of

their Youth Cricket Year. His letter of acceptance was astonishing: swift, and very much to the point. Nothing, he said, would give him greater pleasure. But he would accept only if he were allowed to work. He would not be just a figurehead. He reiterated that stipulation with devastating clarity when he lunched with club officials. "If you do not ask, I cannot do something; do not be afraid to ask. If I cannot do something, I will tell you; otherwise it will be done." And he added with a laugh: "There is no point in having a

doesn't pull the cart." Had John Major said he would

BOXING

McAuley

suitably

prepared

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

The signs are good for Dave

McAuky to retain his Inter-national Boxing Federation fly-

weight title against Louis Curtis, of the United States, in Belfast

tonight.
It has nothing to do with St

Patrick or with the little people

his bed today. I would have been very worried if he hadn't." he

said of his charge who always

pains. "I don't feel well. Mr Eastwood," he said. "I think I have the flu." Particularly bad

was a pain in the neck that would not go away — Mickey Duff. The London promoter

still has one more option on his flyweight title detence.

"Mr Eastwood, I have been thinking it all out." McAuley said. "I hate Mickey Duff, So

light as a bantamweight next

time. I want to be the first Irishman to win two world

McAuley was really out of sorts.

Curtis was going to be in trouble. "If McAules carches Curtis he will knock him out."

Curtis, aged 32, was in the bulliant American Olympic

team in 1976 that included Sugar Ray Leonard and Leon

and Michael Spinks. He is a slick beter, being trained in the basics by Janks Morton, Leon-

ard's trainer. Only Curtis and

Leonard of that team are still

Curtis turned professional in 1983, He is the USBA champion and is ranked No. 2 by the IBF

He has had 20 contests, lost

three and drawn one. But those deleast were by three world champions, all funtamweights: Gaby and Oriando Camvales

and Kelvin Scatmooks Contis nas flowed twia- he Orlando Capirales and lost in two

Curtis beat Reggie Brown on points for his USEA totle; Joe Kella, of Cilasgow, scopped Brown in eight; McAuley should stop Curtis.

Eastwood said.

This was marvellous:

boulks at the last minute. McAuley was full of aches and



Best seat in the house: John Major in seat 33 at the Oval, the seat he used to occupy as a boy with a good view from square leg

donation to the Surrey youth appeal, he could hardly have done more. And it was clearer than the famous gasometer on a July afternoon that he meant every word. "I am certain that there are some very good cricketers out there waiting to be found. But even if that proves not to be the case, to provide cricket facilities and cricket training for a lot of youngsters seems to me to be thoroughly worthwhile in its own right.

"I am sure, absolutely sure, that Surrey are on the right lines. I hope we are able to raise a great deal of money for youth cricket. That is why I am going to be a proper working patron. That will be no hardship, and if it produces a play for Surrey it will have been a very considerable pleasure. We are put income tax up by 2p as a going to provide opportunities for

a lot of youngsters from Brixton and the inner city. Some years ago I might have been one of them and I know how much that would have meant to me.

"As a boy I did get some cricket coaching at school. But it was very amateur - the school sportsmaster. who loved his cricket, but not a professional putting over the finer points. The few visits I had to the Alf Gover School in Wandsworth showed me the difference and how valuable proper coaching would have been. These days, schools cricket, alas, is in very substantial decline. Teachers are prepared to give up their time for football because it takes so little; a couple of hours. But that is not the case with committed to it.

"This has had a bad effect on the

we can to improve facilities in the counties, and that is particularly true in inner city areas where lack of opportunity and facilities is

John Major's transparent belief in youth, and youth being given a fair chance, may well have their base in his own schooldays. In Surrey's Youth Cricket Year brochure* he recalled how, at 11 or 12, he took "seven or eight wickets for nine runs, I cannot remember which, but I do know it included a hat-trick, which was very exciting at the time". This was for Rutlish School against the Royal Masonic School and earned him his only cricketing trophies - certificates, and a bat for the Feat of the Week

If his career began on a high note, game. It is important we do what it went out all too early on another.

"I was working in Nigeria for an international bank, I was about 20 and was the passenger in a car involved in a serious accident. I broke my left leg in an extravagant number of places and lost my kneecap. I never played again.

"Only three days earlier, I had been playing for Northern Nigeria against the Rest of Nigeria. That sounds rather grand, but really it was just names for two teams.

"I was batting and was 77 not out when the plane that brought the weekly mail arrived one day early and landed at square leg. We were playing on the airfield, and that was the end of the match."

So John resumed his seat at square leg, once again a spectator, of the beautiful game and he looks affection on all those years ... "memories, lots of marvellous memories". He remembers much with clarity and perception. I ask about his favourite players. "I never saw anyone hit the ball as hard between cover point and midoff as Peter May. When the ball hit the boundary board it literally

bounced back with a real ping." We sit in the vast office that is the Chancellor's workplace saying nothing for a moment; a silent homage to a mutual idol. The stillness is broken by the Chancellor. The memories are now tumbling out.

"I used to love watching Stuart Surridge, Tony Lock and Micky Stewart field. I can see them now, crouching around the bat as they did in those days. They were a marvellous fielding side, Surrey — absolutely wonderful. That Surrey side of the 50s was unforgettable. I do not believe there can have been such a good county team before and I think we will be lucky to see such a good county team again."

He does not see the need to explain that his heroes, led first by Surridge, then by May, won the championship seven years on the trot. Everyone should know that. And he is happy for them to know also that he was there when Jim Laker took all 10 Australian wickets. "And, I was actually at the Oval when Denis Compton scored his 94 after he was recalled to the Test team against the Aussies with that bad knee of his.

"That was in 1956. England had brought back Cyril Washbrook, who was 41, for one Test -Headingley, I think — and he had scored 98. They brought back David Sheppard and he hit a century at Old Trafford. Then Denis, who had just had an operation to remove a kneecap, was recalled for the Oval. He scored that lovely 94 and then hit the boundary that won the Ashes. And it was also the last Test Lindwall and Miller played here."

It sounds almost a confession as the Chancellor says sadly: "I wasn't there, alas, when we won the Ashes back (after 19 years) in 1953. I wish I had been but I wasn't."

If there is a lingering regret within this man who so clearly loves the game that the tapes in his car are not of music but tales of Bradman and words of Arlott it is perhaps that he could never play at the top level.

Would he like to have been a professional? "I would very much like to have been a far better cricketer, certainly, but I was never good enough." I asked: "You quickly accepted that?" "Oh, no. I didn't give up that soon. I wasn't good enough, but you can always dream . . .

It is the dreams of other youngsters that concern him now. No one could have chosen a better Patron to start a campaign to champion

Surrey's Youth Cricket Year broback today with warmth and clear chure will be on sale (£5) next **RUGBY LEAGUE**

Essential to defeat the jinx at Perpignan

By Keith Macklin

Those who believe that there are such things as jinx grounds will be a little uneasy about Great Britain's chances of victory against France at Perpignan tomorrow. While Britain have won the last seven international games against France, they last won at Perpignan in March, 1964, and, of the six fixtures staged between the countries at this venue near the Spanish border. France have won five.
The last occasion was in
March, 1985 when France won

24-16, since which date Great Great Britain have won on French soil three times at Avisince 1985, and they have rarely been extended by a French side which was passing through a trough of poor form and sufferng uncertainty about the game. international *rught a treize*, the

French are now putting their house in order, and this afternoon's game should be an excellently fought contest. If the outcome of this match is vasily important for the future of the game in France, it is equally important for Great Britain as they set about the task of proving that they are fit opponents for New Zealand on world champions. Australia, in

The 2-1 series triumph over New Zealand was not totally convincing, though everything came right in the end after the demoralizing defeat in the first international against the Kiwis. For Great Britain to lose at Perpignan, despite the evidence of history, would be a disaster for the British coach. Malcolm Reilly, and his players, who must win convincingly if they are to travel to the southern hemisphere with any degree of

Reilly has chosen a full strength squad, and has resisted the temptation to give outings to untried youngsters, though Steadman, of Castleford, and Betts, of Wigan, are substitutes.

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FRANCE: J-M Pougeau (Sr Esteve); H
Ratter (Lezignen), G Delatiney (XIII Catatan), G Delatiney (XIII Catatan), D Pougeau, D Pougeau,
J-I Rabot (Videneuve), J Dhver (Carcassonne), G Cabestamy (Sr Esteve), J-Moliner (Pamiers) Subs: M Khedemi (St
Esteve), J-P Rutz (St Esteve) D Blenes (St
Gaudens), J Soktolew (Carcassone),
GREAT BRITAN: A Tarr (Wicnes); J
Lydon (Wigan), A Gregory (Wigan); K
Sterrett (Bradford Normern), K Beardmore (Castleford), A Platt (Wigan), M
Gregory (Warmgson), A
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Steedman (Castleford), D Betts (Wigan),
D Powell (Shelfield Eagles), K England

Tourist attraction

The Great Britain amateur rughy league side will include international matches against Cook Islands on their sevenmatch tour to the South Pacific

HOCKEY

Hoping to make home gains

enable them to accompany the

second division champions to Neston play each other at Bristol today and both have yet

to play St Albans. Gore Court can pick up precious points from today's match against Bournville at Sevenoaks.

The last few essential pieces of

the first division jigsaw puzzle are unlikely to fall into place until the end of the month but in the meantime. East Grinstead have joined the hunt for the top four places in the home of

St Albans' hopes of winning the Court are strongly in contention for second place, which will

second division title in the Poundstretcher National League will reach fulfilment if they secure four points from two matches this weekend and so earn promotion to the first division next season. In their home match today St

Albans face Lyons, who, al-though in seventh position, are not an easy side to beat. But they also have the advantage of a home match tomorrow against Peterborough Town, who, without a win in 11 matches, are threatened with relegation.

- this being a flyweight champ-ionship - or even with the Jason de Groot, top scorer for St Albans with 13 goals, is hot on the heels of Robert Thomptonship — or even with the King's Hail roar that freezes the blood of foreigners. It only depends on how the champion is feeling — and he is technic ternile. That is a good sign in the perverse world of the Little Chef from Larne.

His manager, 8, J. Eastwood, was delimited to find he was full. son, of Hounslow, and Bram Van Asselt, of East Grinstead, each with 14, Sean Kerly, the Southgate captain, and Stuart Lee, from Brean, are not far behind with 11. An added was delighted to find he was full of complaints. "The usual symptoms," Fastwood said. "He got out of the wrong side of incentive is the prize for the Player of the Season award.

four places in the hope of qualifying for the League Cup semi-finals to be played on April 21 and 22, thus sadly coinciding with the Inter-League play-offs at Solihull. The League Cup final will be played at Luton on Man 16.

Brean. Neston and Gore some travelling to do with an ourt are strongly in contention away match today against Isca. before they move on to play Havant tomorrow. Havant, themselves, are away today at Wakefield, whose relegation worries have been eased by successive wins over Southeate and Harborne.

If Hill continues to score goals from short corners for Havant, having converted three last week against Isca in the Cup quarter-finals, he should give the game's administrators food for thought in their quest for a

Hill spent three days on the bench in the Four Nations tournament at the end of January at Benalmadena in Spain and during his sojourn in La-hore for the World Cup ap-peared on the field only once, France in the play-off series.

Tournaments aid England strategy

England's programme of teambuilding continues with their acceptance of invitations to play in two events in Europe next month, the Four Nations Tour-nament in Brussels from April nament in brusses from April 14 to 16, and the Standard Athletic Club's centenary com-petition in Paris from April 27 to 29 (Sydney Friskin writes).

The squad for the tournament in Brussels, where Belgium, Spain and Italy are also taking part, includes eight members of the World Cup team which finished fifth last month in Lahore - Rowlands, Faulkner. Hill, Soma Singh, Mayer, Garcia. Thompson and Halls. Kerly. Potter and Batchelor have not been included, but Riley, Lee, Nail, Laslett and

with an eye to the future.

Barber. Dodds. Kulbir Bhaura and, more recently, Leman, have come out of retirement to join in the festival matches in Paris, where no

matches in Paris, where no official international games will be played by England.

ENGLAND SCHADS: For Brussels: S Routends (Havand, J Clark (Secuph), D Faulkner (Havand, Lagram), M Resley (Feddington), J Lee (East Grassland), R Hall (Havand), Somer Singh (Southgam), R Stamp (Welton), C Meyer (Cannock), R Garcia (Havand), P Mai Internation (Old Loughtonians), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), J Leslett (Teddington), D Williams (Havand),

Hounslow are drawn in pool B. along with Racing Club of France. Arminen of Austria and Prague (Czechoslovakia), in the European Cup Winners' Cup qualifying tournament at Stuttgart from April 14 to 16.

Saudi invitation A team of British sporting experts, including Charles Hughes, the Football Association director of coaching, has been invited by the Saudi Arabian Government to visit Jedda and Riyadh to discuss developments in coaching, sports science and medicine.

MOTOR RALLYING

RAC cuts Lombard event by a day The RAC yesterday announced equally revolutionary change for tough test of endurance, in favour of becoming a high-speed

RAC Rally, which will feature a radical new format (Stephen

Britain's premier motor rally, which will start from Harrogate. in Yorkshire, on November 25 will be the most compact RAC rally on record. The overall distance has been reduced by more than 350 miles and the duration cut from five days to

The revised route, which does not include a visit to Wales, is concentrated on the North of England, the Midlands and Southern Scotland so as to cut down on the amount of time rally crews spend on the road.

The 1990 event will mark an

in the history of the rally, crews will be given prior warning of the route and will be able to drive through the special stages to make "pace notes" indicating the seventy of corners. This is commonplace on many overseas ralites where a skilled navigator can allow a driver to complete the stages at a far-higher speed. Until now, the RAC Rally has maintained the challenge of competitors driving

the route "blind".
Although the moves put the RAC into line with other world championship events, the new format may prove controversial with some British crews, who are concerned that the rally is losing its reputation of being a sprint through the forests. Russell Brookes, a leading

raily driver who has competed in every RAC Raily since 1968. had some reservations about the potential loss of character of the event. "The RAC Rally has been a special challenge because you had to rely on your reactions to handle situations which were just around the corner. On pace notes you simply drive flat out on the instructions of the co-

"I'm sure I'll be trying as hard as ever, but the organizers will have to work hard to prevent the RAC from becoming just another rally, rather than the ultimate test for the drivers."

Tonight, England and Brazil at home.





WOOLWORTHS

World sport may lose as map is redrawn

ast Germany took the second highest number of gold medals behind the Soviet Union in both the Calgary and Seoul Olym-pic Games, way ahead of West Germany, respectively in eighth and fifth positions. Together, significantly, the Germans won more than the Soviet Union.

Over the years, East Germany's medals have stemmed from a combination of scientific research and theory, biomechanical and medical knowledge and a publicly denied but rigorous professionalism among a minority of carefully selected elite competitors. Ingenuity has also been a factor.

When East Germany first entered their own Olympic team in 1968, having previously fielded joint teams with the West for three Olympics, they found they could not afford the necessary altitude training increasingly exploited by leading countries to increase aerobic capacity, whether or not competing in Mexico. In consequence, the East Germans developed secretly at Kienhaum, 20 miles south of Berlin, an underground chamber in which they could simulate, for training, high altitude reduced atmospheric pressure conditions.

The idea first arose in discussion with Interflug, the state airline, on the training of pilots. Peter Frenkel, who would win the 20-kilometre walk in Munich in 1972, came from Halle one day a week to train in a small decompressioned room used by Interflug in East Berlin: and the construction at Kienbaum, unknown until recent weeks, duly followed his victory.

Even with the disproportionate priority given by their government, through the Sports Ministry (DTSB), East Germany's programme has always been limited by lack of hard currency; forcing them to concentrate for medals on "cheap" events not needing expensive equipment, such as swimming, athletics, cycling, volleyball, canoeing, rowing, gymnastics and skating, and the minority specialist events such as bobsleighing and

The danger is that, whatever the eventual social/political form of unification, unless a common monetary system is quickly established, East Germany will continue to lose performers and coaches to the West at a steady debilitating rate. Nearly 100 coaches are already working in the West, including Horst Dieter Hille, one of the most accomplished track coaches, whose pupils included Marlies Göhr, Bar-bara Wockel and Renate Stecher. The East German athletic federation has cut its full-time coaching staff from 12 to 4.

"We have no stadium to compare with the competence of Gateshead, where Britain staged the European Cup final," Klaus Huhn,



THE FUTURE IN SPORT

In the second of two articles from Germany, David Miller looks at

the significance for

sport of their reunification

the doyen of sports journalists with Neues Deutschland in East Berlin, "We have reached the top with less than half the facilities of the United States. We have only two ice hockey rinks, one open, and only four covered skating

Those rinks were restricted previously for use by Olympic stars such as Katarina Witt and Jan Hoffman, so that there is little public interest in either figure or speed skating, even though the rinks are now publicly available for the first time. Jutta Müller, Witt's renowned coach, is to give her first international seminar not at Karl-Marx-Stadt but at

Oberstdorf in West Germany. Professor Edelfrid Buggel, East Germany's vice-chairman of the International Council of Sports Sciences, says: "Only if the country can return to stability (after this weekend's elections], will the established principles of the GDR again be proved in sport. We have to create some legal restraints within a free society that will prevent the drain of our best human resources abroad."

t is the same problem that confronts British universities. Already the East German government has stipulated that competitors who leave for foreign professional contracts will forfeit all social security benefits at home. The drain in football is steady, if unspectacular: East Germany, which is drawn in the same qualifying group for the 1992 European Championship as West Germany, Belgium, Wales and Luxemburg, has at present few exceptional players to attract the rich Italian, Spanish and West German clubs.

The most notable departure has been Dinamo Berlin's inter-national, Andreas Thom, to Bayer Leverkusen. Others have been Kruse (Rostock to Hertha Berlin), Schnürer (Halle to Saarbrucken) and Weiss (Wismuth to Eintracht



Clearance: Schmidt, the shot putter who defected to the West

Frankfurt). Dr Wilfried Gerhardt, the secretary of DFB, the West German federation, says that the two countries will see through the European Championship to conclusion, whatever the political developments. The most conspicuous change is the new and extensive exchanges in fixtures between youth and junior clubs for the first time in 30 years, compared with no more than a dozen or so per year during that period. The East no ionger needs permission.

So what prospect for a joint Olympic team for 1992 in Albertville and Barcelona? Almost all those to whom I spoke, in East and West, thought 1992 to be too early: especially Jochen Grunwald, the newly elected president of DTSB, Wolfgang Gitter, the Olympic Committee secretary, Heinz Kempa, the International Judo Federation secretary, Karl-Heinz Wehr, the International Amateur Boxing Federation secretary, and Heinz Kadow, the national athletics secretary, in the East; and Walter Troger, the Olympic sec-retary, Erika Dienstl, of the Nat-Sports Federation, and Professor August Kirsch, of the sports institute at Cologne, in the West. Only Willi Daume, the aged and out-of-touch president of the West German Olympic Committee and an IOC member, is pressing for a joint team in 1992.

"We are already preparing, as two, for Barcelona," Kirsch says. "It is not just a matter of reducing from six commetitors per sport to three, or two teams to one, but it would be emotionally disruptive. Athletes organize their lives over four or five years, even the arrival of their children, in a planned cycle,

and we must respect this contract.

"To be realistic for the Nineties, we should not expect too much too soon. We cannot forecast the parameters of all factors: what losses sport will have from changing social conditions in the GDR. We must wait and see. There will not be arithmetic progression from unification.

Gitter points out that the combined team of 1956, 1960 and 1964 was a bad tool of politics, with the athletes the victims. It was more important to gain selection than to perform well in the Games. Nowadays, the two countries collaborate over rivalries. Wolfgang Schmidt, the shot putter who defected to the West and whose residential qualification arrives seven weeks after the European Championships in Split, Yugoslavia, this summer, has been given clearance by East

An undoubted benefit of a joint team would be the generation of emotional international support for a bid for the Olympic Games



Departure: Thom, the Dinamo Berlin cap, now of Leverkusen

of 2000 in Berlin; another obsession of Daume's. "There has already been a feasibility study by West Berlin", Troger, who is also sports director of the IOC, says. There will now be a commmon feasibility study with the new mayor of East Berlin. We will wait and see what is then decided in September on the host for 1996, and whether, after the Asian Games in Peking, the Chinese decide to bid for 2000. Paris or Milan may also go for 2000. We might prefer 2004."

Wehr, who recently co-

ordinated an international boxing event in West Berlin, says: "The prospect of an Olympic Games in Berlin would provide a wonderful new incentive for young competitors in the GDR.'

The strength of a combined Olympic team will depend primarily on the adjustment of East Gemany in its at present immeasurable evolution within a free market. There has already begun in East Berlin a series of round-table discussions between the DTSB, NOC, all political

parties and the media, on how to balance the shift from elitism to a growth in mass, club sport. "We have abolished Stalinist, centralist administration," Buggel says, and will create autocracy among individual federations and local organizations. They will have to determine their future."

But only West German finan-cial support will enable the East to restart its involvement in abandoned sports such as water polo, basketball, ice and field hockey, modern pentathion, eques-trianism and table tennis. The two athletic federations have signed a contract for co-operation in technical development, for the mo-ment principally favourable to the East. That will have to be the continuing pattern. "It is easy to come together in cycling and athletics". Diensti says, "but athletics", Diensti says, "but many other [East] sports will need big help. Their fencing clubs, say, have little in the way of equipment."

nd what of the long-held belief that East Germany has been among the leaders of improvement by drug abuse, at an official level? Although admitting that there have been proven guilty competitors, and possibly some officials, there is an emphatic denial by those with and without a vested interest: and not just by prominent performers such as the javetin thrower, Petra Felke, and the swimmer, Kristin Otto.

"People [foreigners] do not understand how we have lifted performances to high levels by strict control, by medical and training disciplines," Buggel says. "We have to find a new understanding of democracy - that freedom does not mean the freedom to be loose and lax. Travel can corrupt. But you cannot reach achievement by giving competitors orders. They are dependent on their own strength of character."

Huhn, who years ago created the highly regarded Prague amateur cycle road race, knows many of the medal winners personally. "You cannot direct competitors if they don't have the will-power and selfmotivation," Huhn says.

"It has to be acknowledged that many of our champions got there by sheer hard work. And our medical scientists have very advanced information. They have discovered, for example, that the biochemical instigation of epilepsy enables a competitor to far exceed normal performance. We are in danger of a lot of our stars destroyed by commercialization."

As Frank Dick, Britain's chief athletics coach, says: "If the East German system is dismantled. world sport will be the loser. All we can be sure of is that the man of sport was changed at a stroke last November."

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

First division

Arsenal v Che Charlton v Nottm For Coventry v Sheffield W Derby Co v A Villa..... Everton v C Palace.....

GM Vauxhall Conference

Cheltenham v Wycombe W ... Famborough v Boston. Fisher Ath v Altrincham ... Kettering v Welling Northwich v Yeovil Sutton U v Maccinsf

Vauxhall League

Bromley v Bognor.... Dagenham v Hendon Grays v Redbndge F.

VALDOHALL, LEAGUE: First divisions Cheshest v Wembley; v Walton and Hershestin Dorlung v Hempton; Kingsbury Purified; Lawes v Leatherhead; Met Police v Whyseleste; Tooting and Mitcham v Higher Usering v Chelliont St Peser; Whyshoe v Southwick; Woting v

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division. Old Cholmessans v Old Rectorains. Old Mahematis v Old Chiquestans. First shream of the Chiquestans. First shream of the Chiquestans. Old White Chiquestans. Old White Chiquestans. Old White Chiquestans. Old Wykehamatis v Old Accombination.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charton AN v Gillingham; Fulham v Chelsea: Ipswich v Leyton Onent; Norwich v Mismel; Poramoun v WestHent; OPR v Arsenal; Southend v Tottenhent; Wastord v Cambridge. Seconddivision: Bournemount v Aldershot, Brato Cat v Brighton; Brissof Rovers v
Resderg: Couchester v Crysta Pathoe; Liston v Swington; Northempton v
Southestipton, Tottenham v Breinford.

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Second division

Bournemouth v Sunderland... Brighton v Bradford Leeds Utd v West Ham.... Middlesbrough v Blackbur Sheffield U v Wolves

Premier division

Bishoo Auddand v Southoort Caemarion v Witton...... Fleetwood v Frickley...... Gatashead v Shepshed ...

Acompton Stanley v Windord, Afreton v Netherheld; Curzon Astron v Droyscen, Emiley v Newtown; fram v Penning, Lancaster v Farsley Certic, Raddolfe Borough v Windey Bay; Rossender v Harrogete; Worksop v Eastwood Hanley

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: Billingham Town v Ferryhill; Blyth Soarans V Gustorough (3 15): Essington v Brandon; Grema v Consett: Soaham Red Star v Durham; South Bank v Spennymoor; Stockton v Billingham Syn; Tow Law v Allmick; Whackham v Shadon; Whitby v Newcastle Blue Star.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-visios: Bidelard v Welton; Brasol Manor Farm v Chent: Frome v Tivernor; Mangotsfield v Lekeard Ath: Plymouth Arg v Cheppenham; Seltash v Clevedon; Taumon v Erhouth; Torringson v

Manchester U v Liverpool (3.30)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Trowbridgs v Bury (2.50). VALDOHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Duwich v Woldingham (at Bromley FC.

RUGBY UNION

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Great Britain v lasty (at Moseley RFC, 3.0). LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Heritord-shire President's Cup: Firsh Tabard v Old Varningtons. Earth shire. Brica.

RUGBY LEAGUE

3.0 unless stated
BRITISH COAL TEST: France v Great
British is Perpignan, 2.0.
STORES BITTER CHARSTONISHER: Barrow v Castelord 2.30; Snadord v
Breffeld (3.30; Leign v Wichnes (3.30;
Sartord v Huis Second divisions: Carleste v
Hurssiel (2.15; Heistau v Bedley, Huddersfield v Bramiley (3.30; Huil KR v
Winspriegra, Nodingheth v Keigniey; Outligm v Pluncom; Switten v Dewisbury;
Trafford Borough v Fulliam (3.30);
Worldingon v Rochdele.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Sunderland v Kingston (6.0); Laccessor v Manchestor (4.0); Brackmell v Solent [Filesmead, 4.0); Sectors' division: Don-cestor v Manchestor (4.0); Wossen's Brat division: Genericad v Northingham (2.0);

HANBALL

Barclays League

Third division

Orient v Tranmere Mansfield v Shrewsbury

Reading v Stackpool. Fourth division

Burnley v Maidstone. Colchester v Aldershot ... Doncaster v Torquay Exeter v Peterborough ... Herelord v Stockport Lincoln v Chesterfield chdale v Gnmsby..... arborough v Southend

Alvechurch v Gosport Burton v Ashford..

Crawley v Corby Dartford v Waterlooville Dorchester v Bromsgrove . Dover v Moor Green VS Rugby v Gloucester ... Wealdstone v Worcester ne v Worceste

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Mildland de BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Modend division: Bridgnorth v Grantham;
Helseowen v Barry; Hednestord v Bistor;
King's Lynn v Tamworth; Lecesser v
Bedworth; Redditch v Dudley; Sandwell
Borough v Bantoury; Spading v Stourbridge; Stroud v Nuneston Borough;
Sutton Cottlind v Racing Club Warwock;
Willerhald v Rasher, Southern divestor;
Andover v Dunstable; Baldock v Folkestone; Burnham v Poole, Bury v Bastley;
Ertin and Belwedere v Bucungram, Margate v Hastings; Salsbury v Cameroury;
Shappey v Yate; Trowbridge v Hourslow;
Willey v Corantham.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First Stylesoc: Astron v St. Herens: Adverton LR v Veuchall GM; Citheron v Prescot Cables; Colwyn Bay v

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First diversor: Cannoux v Bromley (Four Crosses: Ground, Cannod, 230): East Grinstead v Ox Lougitoners (Ferlington School, Horstein, 215): Harborne v Southgate (Haddey Stadium, Briningham, 1245): Hawart v Hounstow (Hawart Codego, 215): Sourport v Wiston (Grange Road, Solffull, 20). Second divisions St. Albane v Preschoolugh (Car

overance of variety or preporting (car-ence Park, 2.30). Attpt.ANDS: Club statches: Birmingham Municipal v Sutton Coldfight, North Stat-ford v Newcastle under Lyme School, Magpiles Vold Wulfnutnam; Old Stimikans Captari's XI v President's XI. Aldndge Totalentines.

ICE HOCKEY HERECEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff v Nodingham (6.30): File v Murrayfield (6.30), Solihus v Windey (7.9). Pinet division:

(8 15). BAGLISH LEAGUE PLAYOFFS: Chaims-ford v Beamgamine (8.30); Oxford City v Brackness (8.50). BYTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE: Romitord V Australia (5.15).

OTHER SPORT

ARCHERY: National Indoor champion-ships (Newport, Stropature).

ATHLETICS: Kodak Classic (RAF

CYCLING: Grend Prix of Essex (Hal-

etsad). MOTOR SPORTS: International Rai-

SWIMMING: Bitish Grand Prix

TOMORROW

Tennents Scottish Cup Fifth round

Aberdeen v Hearts

Clydebank v Striing A . Dundee Utd v Hiberniar Duntermiine v Cettc..... B and Q Scottish League Premier division

St Mirren v Rangers First division Hamiton v Ayr...... Meadowbank v Forfar Monon v Albion R.....

Second division Arbroath v Montrose Brectan v Dumbarton

E File v E Stirling

Queens Park v Cowdenbeath

Stenhousemur v Kilmarnock Stranraer v Queen of Str...... FA TRIOPHY: Fourth round: Bath v Stafford R; Kiddenmasser H v Colne Dynamo; Kingstonian v Barrow, Leek v Darlingson.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Liverpool v Manchester Utg (2.0). OVERDEN PAPERS COMBENATION: Southambition v Charlton: Totenham v Wimbledon (2.0); Watford v Brighton.

HOCKEY
POUNDSTRETCHER MATIONAL
LEAGUE-First division: Bromley v Westin
Newstead Wood School, Orpington,
12.30). Carmock v Old Loughterwans (Four
Crosses Ground, Carmock, 1.15); Indian
Gymstana v Harborne Freihern School,
20); Isca v Hounestow (Oreny St Mary,
2.30); Teadington v Stourport
Teddington v East Grinstead (Sorming
Lane 2.30); Teddington v Stourport
Teddington School, Broom Road 12.30);
Wakefield v Havam (Marley Stadum, 2.0).
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University, 12.15); Cambridge City v
Guidhord (Coldhams Common, 2.30);
Camerbury v Richmond (Polo Farm,
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School, 2.0); Doncaster v Peterporough
Town (Grove Sports Centre, Newari,
12.45) Gore Court v Bournville (Hotybush
Lane, Svenoaks, 12.0); St Alban s v
Lyons (Clayence Park 2.30pm), Warrington v Tauriton Valle (Albert Park, Sationd,
1.30). HOCKEY

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TYPHOO NATIONAL WOMEN'S
LEAGUE: (One venue - Chrimer Park,
Chemistori) Exmoutr v Great Harwood
(§ 30), Hightown v Leicester (11 15);
Slough v Chelmistorid (1 0), Sutton Codfeet v Ealeng (2.45); Orpington v Cirtica
(4 30).
PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier di-

gional League: Binginon v Tombrigg, Old Wishamsomans v Lewes; Rochford and Game; an v Worthing.

IMDUARDS: Clab matiches: Armington Adders v Corby; Ashoy v Derwent; Barbury v Normanipton Sants; Barton v South Nortingham. Belper v Beaston; Burnon v Routh Nortingham: Belper v Beaston; Burnon v Rolls Royca: Bromsgrove v Aston University; Chesterfield v Sheffield: Evestem v Brognoria; GEC Stattord v Rochestin; Gyrinti v Sish Union (Nortis); Hampton in Arden v Nuneaton; Hampton in Arden v Manna, Statistical v Manshed, Lichteid v Workernsmpton, Ludlow v Pershore, Asarten Draynon v Tellord and Smirial, Meiton Belviors v Loughgorough Town, Newark v Grantlam, Norm Norts v John Player: Northeid v Workernsmpton; Sandbard v Harbones, Northeid Spelding v Long Streensburg v Frentheid Spelding v Long Sunon, Spendon v Boots, Stalling v Long Sunon, Spendon v Boots, Stalling v Long Sunon, Spendon v Worcester Westbergh; Bregist of V Coaliville: Streensburg v Chapletown; Sunon Coldheid v GEC Rugby, Wombourse v Worcester Norson.

LACROSSE BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di-vasion: Cheadle v Old Hulmesans, Mellor v Cid Wacomaris; Timperley v Heaton Mersey, Winslow v Sheffield Stealers, Second division: Sheffield University v Heaton Mersey A. BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Upper Con-ference: Beckennam v Bath: London v Hitchin: Purley v Kentori, Lower Con-terence: Beckennam v Bath: London v Hitchin: Purley v Kentori, Lower Con-terence: Beginton v Hitchin Chostoad. RUGBY UNION Five nations' championship

Scotland v England (at Murrayfield, Askeans v High Wycomb Bedford v Gosforth (6.0) Bridgend v Glamorgan W Camborne v Exeter..... Coventry v Harlequins (12.0) ...

er v Llanelli Hawick v L Scottsh (12.0).
Maesteg v L Weish.........
Moriey v Malone Mortey v majores
Neath v Abertillery
Newport v Cross Keys
Nuneation v Linsh
Preston G v Davenport (12.30)
Richmond v Wasps (12.0)

String Co v Henot's FP(12.0)... Swanses v Carnitt 12 201 Swansea v Carditt (2.30) ... Tredegar v Lydney Vale of Lune v Rugby

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SCOTLAND: Clob statches: Glasgow High-Kelvinside v Hutchesons; Durnines v Annan; Lenzae v Drumpelier: Edinburgh Academicals v Glasgow Academicals; Come v Northernt; Corstophine v String County; Linitinghow v Hjilheed-Jordannil; Royal High v Percy Park; Preston Lodge FP v Biggar; Thinky Academicals v Kirkaldy; Broughton v Leth Academicals; Grangemouth v Aberdeen GSFP; Haddington v Glenrothes; Kircaldy v Harris Academy FP, Perthsters v Madras College FP, Melrose v Allmets; Galle v Howe of File.

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stead v Okt Grammanares; Westolft v Rochlord; Westcombe Park v Turbridge Wells; West Norloik v Old Northempton; Whitstable v Old Gravesendlans; Wimbome v Bournemouth.

WEST: Club matches: Aller v Chard Utd; Avonvale v Borse Pelan; Bestopeton v Taumon Vale: Bristol Harrequins v Kingswood; Bristham v Pennyri, Sude v Bodheir, Cambome v Exeter, Chew Valley v Old Contamians; Cleve v Crappenham; Cithon Wards v Dings Chisaders; Devon and Cornwell Police v Penzance-Newlyn; Gordeno v Old Colstomens; Hornets v Tredworth; Imperial v Chisping Sodbury; Lankelly-Powey v Plymouth YMCA, Launceston v St Ives; Mellishem v Beckwelt; Minenead v South Molson; Morganians v Burmann; Newqully Homets v Haylot North Bristol v Barton Hill. Old Bristollans v Arstians; Old Elizabethans v Old Sullans v Sherboms; Plymouth Alb Extras v North Bristol v Barton Hill. Old Bristollans v Arstians; Old Elizabethans v Old Sullans v Sherboms; Plymouth Alb Extras v North Bristol v Westin Stating v St Branden's Ufd; Stithlans v St Agnes; Stroud v Torqualy Ath; Trowbridge v Bath OE; Trurb v Falmouth; Westin-super-litere v Redruth; Wirscombe v Nydridge; Whitott v Longievens; Wirestoniche v Bristol v Bristol v Westinders v Westinders v Westinders v Bristol v Bristol v Westinders v Westinders v Bristol v Bristol v Stretchers.

Wirescombe v Nybridge; Walcot V Longievens; Wireelscombe v Bristol Saracens.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: All Sparans v Leesbrook Asterdale; Ashbourne v Rugeley: Ashboline v Hurbingdon; Banbury v Rushom and Hightam; Barmsley v Worksop; Belgrave v South Leoeder; Berkswell and Balsali v Wednesbury; Bevelley and Stourport v Wulfmar; Biggleswade v Suevenage; Bingham v North Kesteven; Birmingham City Off v Kyndoli; Brimangham Welsh v Birmingham Cvl Sar; Bournville v Olid Halesonians; Bromsgrove v Strandord on Avort: Buston v Belper; Camp Hill Off v Edwarders; Chesterfaled v Laeoester Eutra; Cindertord v Burton; Congleton v Old Longonsams, Deventry v Million Keynes; Devorans v Remonstrater, Durder v Mungswinderd v Kloderamsser; Durder v Burbangs, Evestram v Old Leamingtonians; GEC Coventry v Erdington; Hereford v Matson; Kenilworth v Avjesbury; Kenssenford v Mutson; Kenilworth v Avjesbury; Kenssenford v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton Coldfield; Lincoln v Mansleick; Long Buzzerd v Syston; Lictifield v Sutton; Long Buzzerd v Syston; L

ATHLETICS: Exresport 12-1pm; High-lights of the IAAF indoor meeting from

POOTBALL: Eurosport I terr-modely and 9-11pm: Highlights of the European Indoor champtonehips from Park, and the European Closett Scroensport II-30-12-30pm: Argentessen bangus.
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GRANDISTAND: 88C1 12.15-5.05pm;
Rugby Union: Are nations' champlematic: Live coverage of Scotland v
England from Murrilyfield: Bachstator.
Coverage of the Yeast All England
champlematics from Wernbley: Footbat:
Word Cap and FA Cap highights: Lice
Hockey: Coverage of Cardiff v
Nerreyfield from Cardiff. Siding: Highlights of the men's downless from Aers.
Swedon. ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 4-6pm: Net-

Owen v Alcester; Rugby Weish v Earlsdon; Shipston v Coventry Technical; Southern v Cleverdon; Spelding v Koworth; Stafford v Kettering; Standard v Selly Oel; Stewerts and Licyds v Luton; Stoke Old Boys v Mellish; Stourbridge v Huddiersflekt; Southwell v Scuriffurpe; South Wildelich; Allestone Adrielic; Saudy Oth Lary Vinder Schmitterpe; South Wigston v Aylestone Athlebic; Temerorth v Paviors; Teleord v Luctonians; Toercestrians v Ampthill; Visuahell Motors v Corby; Vesayans v Oth Centrals; Weilinghorough OS v S Neots; West Bridgford v Newark; West Leicaster v Coventry Sarcans; Wigston v Trintly Guid; Wilsenhall v Rugby St.Andrews; Witton v Machelin; Wolverhampton v Derby; Woodnish v Kings Norion; Worcester v Newbold; Wresham v Birmingham and Solffull.

Worcester v Newbold: Wreshen v Brimingham and Solhuil.

WORTH: Club ematches: Ackdem XV v Hull and ER; Adwick v Leeds CSSA XV; Alrebroniants v Olmingson; All Spertans v Leesbrook; Armthorpe Markhem v Roundhay XV; Asshon-under-Lyne v Heaton Moor; Barlon v Wesherby; Bernsley v Worksop; Barton v Homass; Blacidum v Caldy; BP Chemicals v Yorkshire CW; Bradford and Bingley v Durham City; Brantey v Bider; Burnage v Yorkshire CW; Bradford and Bingley v Durham City; Brantey v Bider; Burnage v Yorkshire CW; Bradford and Bingley v Durham City; Brantey v Bider; Burnage v Yorkshire CW; Bradford and Bingley v Durham City; Brantey v Bider; Burnage v Yorkshire CW; Bradford and Bingley v Durham City; Brantey v Boy; Calder and Nelson v Thornton Citeveleys; Conjeton v Old Longomens; Crewe and Nambeloh v Easle; Distription v Novocastrans: De la Sale (Sheffeld) v Chesterfield XV; Concaster v Pontetract; Driffield v Thornensistes; Dronfield v Danum Phocaster v Pontetract; Driffield v Thornensistes; Dronfield v Danum Phocaster v Volumendals; Heath v Lietpool St Helens: Halfax Vandale v Huddersfield yMCA; Harroposte v Whartesleid; Heath v Tyriedale; Kersel v Old Anselmines; Lieda CSSA v Middlesshough Wasps; Leeds yMCA v Leeds Coriethsiers; Loddenstans, v Hemsworth; Liverpool Collegistes v Helton; Macchester Welcher V Leet, Merseyside Polico v Birschmen Princhud-Chester's Collegistes v Old Brodleisns; V Collegister v Berching Of Brodleisns; V Delico v Brantenser; Prinching Collegister v Delico v Brantenser; Marchester YMCA v Old Rocklemens XV;
Mariest v Bridlington; Meslock v Leek;
Menegside Polico v Birkenimed Peris,
Mid-Checher Colleges v Old Brodleiens;
Middestrough v Metropolitan Police;
Mortely v Marchester Police;
Mortely v Marchester Police;
Mortely v Metropolitan v Grinneby;
Old Crostleyant v Bevertey;
Did Crostleyant v Bevertey;
Did Crostleyant v Bevertey;
Boron; Orrel XV v South Liverpoot;
Ottely
V Keightey; Pocklegson v Scarborough;
Port Surlight v Old Instanters. Rochdale v
Coverny; Rodliters v East Redord;
Rossendate v Littleborough;
Roundregens v Rotherters.

Garryowen v Shannon: Universey
Cork v Young Munster, Sunday's Well v
Dolphin. Under: Sector League: Section
2 City of Derry v Collegians, Sentor Clube.
Old Crescent v Portadown; Instoniens v
Ards:
Cusens University v Ards: RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: St Holons v Wakehold (2.45). BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE Park german cannot can y Crystal Pasco; Corby v Chestine (7.30); Gasshand v Hennel Hempstead; Oldherr V Birmingham; Stevanege v Phymouth; Worming v Brixton. Second distallen: Strangham v Greenwich; Calderdee v Cardiff; Kirkees v Marchester; Stockpon v North London; Wetford y Middlesbrough. First division scores: Kingston v Strictin (4.0); London YMCA v Gaweir (6.0); Sheffield v Crystal Pasco (6.15).

ICE HOCKEY HENRICH LEAGUE Premier division: Ayr v Pile Flyers (7.0); Notingham v Solihal (6.30); Peterborough v Whitey (6.30); Peter division: Humberside v Med-way (5.15); Swindon v Slough (5.0); Telland v Testland Metros (7.0). Tenoro v Issauci Mague (7.5). ENGLISH LEAGUE PLAYOFFS: Basingstoke v Rountord (6.0).

OTHER SPORT NATON: Yonex All-England Oper ploratilp (Wembley). Notingham). SWIMMING: British Grand Prix

TEMPON ROWLING: National Champion-ships (Birmingham). WATER POLO: Home nations tournament

SPORT ON TV

Screensport 6:30-7:30pm,
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8:30pm: United States pro-tour: Highsynta from Moura Secretor, Origin; and
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ATMLETICS: ITV 5.05-7.05pm and
11.05pm-12.05em; Coverage of the Kodua Clesses from Coston; Great British v
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GOLF: BBC2 2:10-3pm: GA Champions challenge from Watton Heath: Screensport 7-11pm: Live coverage of the 1980 Player's championship from Sewgrass. Florids: ITV 12:35-2:35am (Monday): Highlights of the Players championship from Florids.

HANDMALL: Eurosport 4-6 and 10-11pm: Highlights of the Capitol Tournament, from Paris. POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Scheenport 7-Spri. RUGBY LEAGUE: Screenport 1.45-3.30pm: Live coverage of Finnes v Great SY SPECIAL: 88C2 5.10-6.10pm Societati v England from Marraynest.
Societati & Ecretarport 4.45-5.15am, 8-8.25am and 12.30-1am (Monday). United States pro-base: Highlights from Stoves, Vermont: Esrossent 5-8cm and 12-1am (Monday): World Casp: Highlights of the rean's presided belows from Are, Sweden.
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Pilgrims flock to Tibbie's shrine



Bruce Sandison reveals the spell cast upon Scotland's literary

giants by the waters of St

Mary's Loch. Their tales are told at the hearth of Tibbie Shiel's Inn, which

provided Border hospitality to

fishermen through the ages. Good

catches are still made by anglers today

the inn:

t Mary's Loch in Ettrick Forest is a magical place where wizards and fairies still haunt the silent glens; peaceful and serene, sur-rounded by wild hills and distant moorlands, where curiew call and lark sing. The heartland of the Borders, peopled by a hardy and pragmatic race who have survived the slings and arrows of outra-geous fortune for thousands of

Throughout history, the Scot-tish Borders have been both battleground and place of refuge; from Roman times, when Picts were ousted from their great fortress on Eildon Hill; William Wallace and Robert Bruce gained strength from the wilderness; King Henry IV passed this way when he burned the border abbeys in 1400; the tragedy of Flodden Field; the site of a hundred other personal fights and squabbles between rival border claus.

The only battles that rage now by St Mary's Loch, have been caring for travellers and fishermen

for nearly 200 years.

The old hostelry, which dates from the late eighteenth century, is one of the most famous in the Scottish Borders. James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, was a regular visitor, as was his friend, Sir Walter Scott. Another of Hogg's friends and drinking companions was Thomas Tod Stoddart, angler and author of the first book on Scottish fishing, The Art of Angling as Practised in Scotland, published in 1835 and later republished as The Angler's Companion to the Rivers and Lakes of

Stoddart was trained as a lawyer, but throughout his life practised little other than fishing. He d on the mad once by the local magistrate who inquired what he was doing with himself these days. Outraged, Stoddart rossed: "Doing man? Doing? I'm

Stoddart is best known for his hife-long love affair with the River Tweed, and for his verses, of which my favourite is the "An-

gler's Complaint". They've steekit the waters agen

They've steekit the burnies an'

We hat no a chief to befrien' us,

Our laird's aye makin' the law. We'll get neither yallor nor greyfin, Jock,

Nor bull-heid nor sawmon ava: The laird he's aye at the savin'.

An' houds to us weel wi' his law. Yer flees ye may set them ableezin', Jock,

Our wands they may gang to the It's neither in rhyme nor in

reason, Jock, To coor a kick-up wi' the law. That ilka intent should miscarry,

Our laird he's kin to the Shirra,

And sib wi' the loons o' the law. But faith, ye'll agree it's a hardship. Jock.

To gie up our rights to the craw;

The neist time we meet wi' his lairdship, Jock. We promise him licks for his law. An' e'en when the mirk is a-

nearin , Jock, Wi' pock-nets and drag-nets an

We'll gie his hit poonds sic a cicarın', Jock, Our laird he'll look twice to the law. We'll no spare a ged or a

gudgeon, Jock, We'll no spare a fin or a jaw; Lord pity the crazy curmudgeon,

He'll sune tak his leave o' the

Stoddart and James Hogg were expert anglers and fished together many times on St Mary's Loch. One of their most notable days was May 4 1833, when they shared a boat, catching 79 trout weighing 36lb. No doubt they celebrated their victory over a dram or two With Tibbic.

isobel, "Tibbie Shiels", the first owner of the inn, was born near Ettrick in 1783. In 1806 she married Robert Richardson, who Was employed as a mole-catcher on the Thickestane Estate of Lord Napier. When her husband died suddenly in 1824 Tibbie was left almost destitute with a family of six children; so she decided to set up in business as an innkeeper to

provide for her family. Tibbie Shiel's Inn was much used by anglers who came to fish St Mary's Lock, but because of its essociation with James Hoes. Thomas Tod Stoddart, Sir Walter Scott. Robert Louis Stevenson. Thomas Carlyle and other literary

figures, it soon became a gathering place for poets, writers and journalists as well. In his excellent booklet, Tibbie Shiels, published in 1986, Michael Robson recounts an early visitor's impressions of

"The old fashioned kitchen of Tibbie Shiel's Inn was the model of what a kitchen ought to be; it had such an air of cosy warmth and welcoming hospitality. In the vast open fireplace were glowing peat embers, the kettle sang on the hob, the white-faced grandfather's clock ticked beside the 'bink', and was there ever anything so quaintly picturesque as the box bes with their sliding doors? But best of all was Tibbie's spinning wheel on one side of the hearth, and Sir Walter Scott's armchair on

Another patron of Tibbie's, and friend of the group, was Christopher North, pen name of Profes-sor John Wilson, lawyer and Professor of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh University in 1820. Wilson described Tibbie as being "a shrewd, kindly, comely woman" and, given Wilson's reputation, Tibbie must have had a strong personality to keep her distinguished guests in order. His friend, William Magnire, wrote of him as: "A sixteen stoner - a cocker, a racer, a six-bottler, a twenty-four tumbler - an out and outer — a true upright, knockingdown, poetical, prosaic, moral, professional, hard-drinking, fierce-eating, good-looking bonourable, and straight-forward

John Wilson was a well-known sportsman and keen angler. He bestowed upon himself such titles as MA, Master of Angling, and FRS, Fisherman Royal of Scotland; but he is best remembered for his column in Blackwoods Magazine. The articles were written under his pen name "Christopher North" and describe the adventures and exploits of North and the Shepherd, who was James Hogg, and Tickler, John Gibson Lockhart, who married Sophia, Sir Walter Scott's elder daughter. Lockhart was described by Hogg as: "A mischievous Oxford puppy for whom I was terrified; dancing after the young ladies and drawing caricatures of everyone who came in contact with him."

North's Noctes Ambroisane and later Recreations of Christopher North lampooned polite Edinburgh society and were instantly popular. They included frequent references to the great angling exploits of the Shepherd, as in Splendide Mendax, when Hogg "tops" one of North's fishing tales:

Shepherd: "Poo, that was nae day's fishin' ava, man, in comparison to ane o' mine on St Mary's Loch. To say naething about the countless sma' anes, twa hunder about half a pun', five-and-twenty about fowre pun', and the lave rinnin' frae half a stane up to a stane and a half, except about half a dizzen, aboon a' weicht that put Geordie Gudefallow and Huntly Gordon to their mettle to carry them pechin to Mount Benger on a haun-barrow."

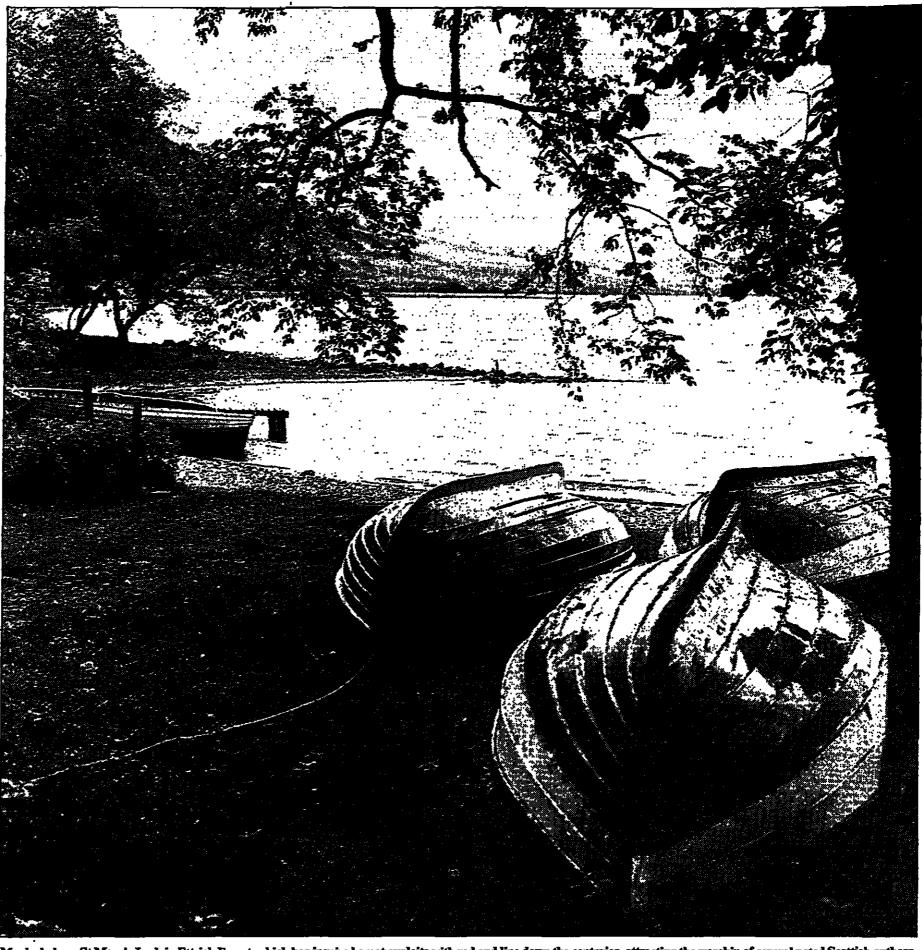
It was rumoured that Tibbie Shiels had a "soft spot" for James Hogg and towards the end of her life she is reported as saying: "You Hogg, the Shepherd, ye ken, was an awfu' fine man. He should hae tae'n me for he cam coortin' for years, but he just gaed away and took another."

Tibbie outlived most of her more famous customers and died in July 1878 at the age of 96, but the memory of the charm of the innkeeper by St Mary's Loch and her famous customers lives on. Tibbie Shiels is a place of pilgrimage to this day.

was first introduced to James Hogg in the Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, during the International Festival, when Ann and I attended a stage production of his novel. The True Confession of a Justified Sinner. There was a lot of shouting and running about, dramatic gestures and sparse, unworldly scenery, so I nudged Ann, and we slipped quietly from the theatre, down the street to the nearest pub.

James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd, was born in 1770 and he described his great novel as a revelation that "salvation was not contingent upon faith, but was the effect of justification, of grace". I still find the book hard to understand, but readily acknowledge its stature as one of the most signifi-

cant works of Scottish literature. Hogg's poetry, however, is another matter and in it I believe, be sometimes rivals Burns and frequently surpasses Sir Walter Scott, his friend and mentor:



Magical place: St Mary's Loch in Ettrick Forest, which has inspired great exploits with rod and line down the centuries, attracting the worship of several noted Scottish authors

'The rough roads must have been jammed with artists and literati, notebooks poised'

See yonder pawkie shepherd, That lingers on the hill, His ewes are in the fauld, An' his lambs are lying still; Yet he dawna gang to bed. For his heart is in a flame. To mee his bonny lassie. When the kve comes hame.

Hogg was a border shepherd. born at Ramsaycleuch in the Ettrick Forest, son of an impoverished farmer. He had little formal education and confessed that even at the age of 20 he had difficulty reading and writing.

Like Robert Burns, Hogg was influenced by his family and surroundings. His parents were deeply religious and much given to long, scriptural arguments. Their stern Calvinistic faith was nurtured by one of the Borders' most famous preachers, Thomas Boston. People would walk miles each Sunday to hear Boston preach and his congregation generally numbered upwards of 700

thirsting souls. Hogg's grandfather, known as "Will o' the Phaup", was reputed to have conversed with the fairies, and Hogg liked to refer to himself as "King of the Mountain Fairy School" of poets. The songs he composed for local girls brought him great popularity, but throughout his life, as poet, writer and novelist, Hogg never achieved the recognition his work deserved, in spite of constant support and encouragement from Scott.

Hogg and Sir Walter Scott were introduced to each other in 1802. by John Leyden, another shepherd's son and poet, when Scott was collecting stories and tales for his Border Minstrelsy. James Hogg's mother was well known in the area as a positive mine of such information, and the two men struck up a friendship that lasted all their lives. Hogg said Scott was: "the best and most steady friend I ever had to depend on."

Hogg's mother was not so certain about Sir Walter, or his inquisitiveness concerning traditional Border ballads, and she is reported to have told the great man, crossly. They were made for singin' and no' for reading; but ye hae broken the charm an' noo they'll niver be sung mair."

Scott's namesake, Michael Scott, might have agreed. He was known as "Scott the Wizard" and Sir Walter claimed him as an ancestor. The Wizard was born in 1175 and after an extensive education, at Oxford, Paris and Bologna in Italy, lived most of his life in the Borders. He is reputed

to have set a devil to work, to keep him from harming the local community. The devil's first task was splitting the Eildon Hills into three parts, then constructing a stone dam across the River Tweed. The final task, which kept the devilish intruder busy for ever, was to weave a rope, out of sand. The "wondrous wizard's" grave may still be seen to this day at

Melrose Abbey. During the latter years of the eighteenth century this small corner of the Borders was home to a remarkable number of outstanding men. John Leyden, born at Denhoim on September 8 1775, was a poet and Orientalist of international fame. After graduating from St Andrews University, Leyden took up a medical appointment in Madras, India, and translated the Bible into several Far Eastern languages. He died in Java on August 28 1811.

ungo Park, the explorer, another farmer's son, was born at Foulshiels on September 20, 1771, near the "Meeting of the Waters", where the rivers Ettrick and Yarrow mingle; and as a surgeon, he joined the East India Company in 1792. Three years later he was employed by the African Association to explore the River Niger, which he followed almost to Timbuktu. Park's book of his journey, Travels in the Interior Districts of Africa, Per-formed in the years 1795, 1796 and 1797 is a masterpiece of its kind and Thomas Carlyle described Park as being: "One of the most unpretending and at the same time valuable specimens of humanity.

But no man is ever a hero in his own home, and the story is told of Mungo returning from one of his expeditions to his parents' house. When the explorer knocked on the door, late one evening, his mother inquired: "Who in the world could that be?" One of Park's brothers is reputed to have replied: "Oh, that will be oor Mungie. I saw him at the market the day."

After a short period as a doctor in Peebles, in 1805 Park set out once more for Africa, along with his brother-in-law, Thomas Anderson, and 45 British soldiers and a large contingent of native porters. The expedition ended in disaster. After a canoe journey of some 1,000 miles. Park and his companions were attacked by natives at Yuri. During the fight their vessel capsized and they

drowned. Only three soldiers and do so"; and he said that Scott was one native bearer survived.

But perhaps the most famous Border man was Walter Scott, born in Edinburgh in 1771 where his father was a lawyer. His mother, Anne Rutherford, was the daughter of Dr John Rutherford, Professor of Medicine at Edinburgh University; and both parents were descended from ancient Border families: the Scotts of Harden and Buccleuch, and, on his mother's side, the Swintons.

Scott's early years were spent at his grandfather's farm at Sandyknowe, near the old Border tower of Smailholm. An attack of poliomyelitis as a child left Scott lame for life, but nevertheless, he was a tall, strong man, noted for his outdoor and sporting interests.

Smailholm must have greatly influenced the young Scott. The gaunt, dramatic tower stands on a rock ledge, 700 feet high, dominating the surrounding landscape. Similar Pele Towers are scattered throughout the Borders, watchtowers and forts against the incur-

sions from across the border. The disaster of Flodden Field in September 1513, when the flower of Scotland fell around their impetuous king, James IV, prompted the building of these towers. An Act of Parliament in 1535 ordered that any man owning land worth more than £100 should build a Pele Tower for the protection of his dependants; and even as late as 1804, fires were placed on the towers to warn of approaching danger, should Napoleon succeed in his plans to

Scott is, in my opinion, the outstanding figure of Scottish literature; and I first met Sir Walter, and his work, at the Royal High School of Edinburgh, where Scott was a pupil. A bust of Sir Walter sat on a window-ledge at the bottom of a flight of stairs leading to the English department, and each year, with irreverent gice, we used to give our famous former pupil a red nose.

In time, I learned to love Scott and, in doing so, simply followed a long-established tradition; because Scott was as much admired for his qualities as a man as he was for his excellence as a writer. Byron, in the midst of public scandal, wrote to his friend Scott: "I owe you far more than the usual obligation for the courtesies of literaure, for you went out of your way in 1817 to do me a service when it required not merely kindness, but courage to Highlands, leaving home on 27

"as nearly a thorough good man as

a man can be". The sheer volume of work Scott produced, let alone its quality, leaves anyone who pretends to be a writer aghast. Often, when struggling with words before my high-tech word-processing system, I think of the great man, in his dark little study at Abbotsford, scratching away with pen and ink, hour after hour, and still finding time to be the most devoted of husbands and caring of fathers.

Abbotsford, Scott's magnificent house overlooking the sweetly flowing Tweed, was purchased in 1811 and named after a crossing place on the river used by the monks from Melrose Abbey. When financial disaster overtook him because of his interest in Ballantyne's publishing business, Scott's creditors gave him the house; and it has remained in the family ever since.

Like most of his contemporaries, Scott was a great traveller and at times I think that the rough roads of Scotland must have been positively jammed with artists and literati, notebooks poised, tramping their way through the country. Caustic Welshman, Thomas Pennant; Johnson and Boswell: Wordsworth, and sister Dorothy; Robert Burns: Mrs. Murray; Samuel Taylor Coleridge; Southey and Thomas Telford; Queen Victoria and Prince Albert; Baden Powell; and many more. Battalions of them, all describing and commenting upon what they

ames Hogg also went "walkabout", writing regular re-ports of his travels to Sir Walter Scott, who persuaded the editor of the Scots Magazine to publish them as a series of articles which appeared in that magazine from 1802 until

Hogg tramped many weary miles, faithfully recording his impressions along the way, and his account tells as much about the writer as it does about what he reports of the countryside. His personal diary reveals a kind, thoughtful, decent man, with a wonderful sense of humour, courteous and friendly at all times

and in all circumstances. In 1802, Hogg travelled from Etterick (Hogg's spelling), by way of Edinburgh to Perth, then on to Blair-in-Athol and Dalnacardoch. The following year he toured the

on 29 May; visiting Rob Roy's home at Glen Gyle by Loch Katrine, and Inveraray Castle on Wednesday, June 1. From Inversray, Hogg went north, to Fort William, Lochaber, Kinlochewe and Dundonnel; and then over the Minch to the Outer Hebrides and the "heather isle" of

Hogg's last tour in 1804, took him, mostly by sea, to Argyllshire, the Braes of Ardnamurchan and back to the Outer Hebrides. He was so enraptured with the island of Harris that he considered moving there permanently. But the journey almost cost him his life when their vessel, the Johnson, "a strong, English-built sloop" was nearly wrecked in Loch Sunart in a mighty gale, vividly described by Hogg in his letters.

James Hogg was a happy man, who enjoyed his hard, active life, saying that he couldn't "distinguish one part from another, save by some remarkably good days'

St Mary's Loch still keeps anglers happy and content and although the great days of Hogg, Stoddart and Wilson have long since gone, good catches are often taken. Brown trout average approximately 10 oz in weight and most seasons produce a few fish over 3 lb. As always, it is all a matter of being in the right place at the right time, with the correct fingers crossed.

West of Tibbie Shiel's Inn is a statue of Hogg, holding his shep-herd's crook, stone-deep in thought, watching rising trout he may no longer catch, hearing new voices telling old stories of ones that got away. In his hand is a scroll inscribed with the words from his poem, 'The Queen's Wake': "He taught the wandering

winds to wing." And in the bar, the ghosts of the literary 'old boys' of the loch gather round: Thomas Stoddart, choosing a fly, Lochart, eyeing a pretty barmaid; John Wilson, warming himself for the fray with a large dram; Sir Walter, nodding by the fireplace; all still kept in good order and splendid discipline by the shades of Tibbie, one of the Borders most enduring and bestloved characters.

This is an extract from Tales of the Loch by Bruce Sandison, to be published on May 3 by Mainstream Publishing of Edinburgh

Absentees clear the path for **Whitaker**

From Jenny MacArthur s' Hertogenbosch

John Whitaker's chances of winning his — and Britain's — first show-jumping Volvo World Cup in next mouth's final in Dortmund, West Germany, have dramatically increased following the withdrawal of two of the favourites for this year's competition — Ian Millar's Big Ben from Canada and Thomas Fuchas' Dollar Girl

Big Ben, winner of the Cup for the last two years, was operated on for a twisted gut last Sunday and will be out of competitions for at least two mouths. Millar is hoping that he may be fit again in time for the World Championships in Stockholm in

July.

The leading Swiss rider, Fuchs, who Whitaker singled out earlier this week as his other main rival, will be out of competition for at least two months after breaking ribs and his left leg while trying to help a "cast" horse in his stable.

With Henderson Milton—on

With Henderson Milton — on which Whitaker was second to Millar in last year's final — going better than ever Whitaker is unlikely to have a better chance of winning the chusive Cup. Tomorrow the pair, who won the Paris World Cup qualifier last week, attempt to repeat that feat here in the penultimate qualificing round.

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Jennie Loriston-Clarke on Dutch Gold, Britain's only contender in the Nashua Dressage World Cup final, is lying seventh after yesterday's Grand Prix test and will have to find some extra brilliance in today's Freestyle to Music competition. freestyle to Music competition, the last part of the final, if they are to equal their fourth position of last year. Dutch Gold, a son of her former top horse Dutch Courage, made some small mistakes and was less relaxed than he had been when finishing third in the Paris qualifier last

The Grand Prix was won convincingly by Sven Rothenberger, of West Germany, on Andiamo, one of the favourites to win the final. He finished 55 points ahead of the runner-up, Michael Klimke, the son of Reiner, West Germany's most successful dressage rider, on Entertainer. Nina Menkova from the Soviet Union took third place with Dikson. Prize money for the final is to be substantially increased to SwFr 100,000 (about £40,000) next year when Volvo is to take over the sponsorship.

Lorison-Clarke, a specialist in the Freestyle to Music com-petition, should benefit from the perion, should benefit from the new formula for future dressage championships announced yes-terday by Wolfgang Niggli, the chairman of the dressage com-mittee. A Freestyle to Music final is to be introduced in 1991 as an alternative to the cristing as an alternative to the existing final, the Grand Prix Special, with two sets of medals being

KULTS: Speedcless: 1, Wondele (J r, Noth), 0 in 27.82; 2, Henderson Didi Nhitaker, GB), 0 in 28.04; 3, Wurn (K verneler, WG), 0 in 28.56.

Leng goes west for success

By a Special Correspondent

The Aldon Horse Trials near Yeovil in Somerset have attracted some 638 entries with novices running today and the best horses going tomorrow. The organizer, Susan Batten, says the old grass parkland has perfect going. The momentum is increasing in the eventing world, with horses noticeably fitter after the open winter, and with Badminton six weeks away, and the world championships some two months earlier than usual in

array of international riders using British events as a training ground. Heading the list of British riders is the world champion, Virginia Leng, on Master Craftsman, her European Championship winner, and Griffin, her Rotherfield Park Colin Jackson, the Common-wealth 110 metres hurdles champion, has withdrawn from the British team for the Kodak Classic indoor international against the United States and the Soviet Union at RAF Cosford tomorrow. Jackson, who was planning an attack on winner, both competing for the first time since their successes last year (Griffin won the Foxhunter Show Jumping competition at Cookham last who was planning an attack on the world 60 metres record, strained a hip muscle in training and has withdrawn as a precau-

weekend).

Rodney Powell and Mayday,
and Captain Mark Phillips and
Cartier also have their first outings of the season, and Mary Thomson fields a handful of kings, Cuthbert, Boris and Samuel, with Rachel Hunt and Robert LeMieux both repaired from injury also competing.

In addition, three riders each from Korea, Spain and Austra-lia and four from New Zealand including the Olympic champion, Mark Todd, with his Boekolo winner, Pedro the Cruel and Jued Lad, will also

RACKETS

Favourite will encounter no lack of rivals

Neil Smith, the Queen's pro-fessional, is top seed for the Lacoste British Open championship which starts today at the Queen's Club (Sally Jones writes). Although James Male, the world champion, is away skiing. Smith, a fluent left-hander should still face a tough nge from the former world champion, Willie Boone, the second seed, or Shannon Hazell, the Clifton professional, seeded

Despite a slight wrist injury, Hazeli will be hoping to repeat his recent victory over Smith in the British professional singles final. The event's sponsor, John Prenn, the fourth seed, is still lacking match fitness although he is now looking sharper after a slow start to the season.

An investigation into a break-down in communication which led to several athletes missing the semi-finals of the 60 metres

Athletes blamed for

missing their races

at the national indoor champion-ships at Cosford last Saturday has concluded that the bulk of the blame lies with the com-After The Times reported on

tionary measure. He said: "With such an

ing up, I don't want to take any chances." David Nelson, who was third behind Jackson and

Monday that five athletes had failed to turn up - in at least three cases because they had not realized they had qualified — the Amateur Athletic Association conducted an investigation, the findings of which were an-

It said that the championship co-hosts, the AAA and WAAA, "accept some of the responsibility" but added that "the onus is on the athlete to find out whether he or she has qualified for the next round of commetition."

The athletes' asual primary source of information, the main notice-board, did not provide a Saturday results service, carry-ing only leftovers from Friday evening. The reason given was that officials were "too busy". The AAA spokesman, Tony

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent Ward, said: "These events at Cosford have been going on for donkey's years. Why it should suddenly have broken down is

> Roy Rogers, the meeting director, was asked by the AAA for his explanation of how athletes came to miss races just one week after Britain was left embarrassed by its admin-istrative howlers at the Euro-pean indoor championships at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow. In response to its inquiries, the AAA said: "The pinning of results on the notice-board is a courtesy service and one which, because of the demands of this particular Saturday, did not

"It was very unfortunate and we have to accept some of the responsibility for the fact that the athletes clearly weren't get-ting their information. But the onus is on them to obtain that information and not to await developments. If necessary, ath-letes must pester officials in the assembly area to find out whether they have qualified for the next round."

function, which we regret.

Tony Jarrett in the Common-wealth final in Auckland, comes on Linford Christie who could be excused for feeling as if he were Edberg or Becker being asked to play a sixth set. in as replacement.

Jackson, who set a UK all-Jackson, who set a UK all-comers' best of 7.43sec, just 0.07sec sway from the world record, last Saturday, burt him-self on Tuesday. He rested for two days hoing the injury would clear, but yesterday there was no

Christie has become the long distance sprinter. He crossed the starting line before Christmas and has never been off the pace. He won the Commonwealth Games 100 metres and, in the subsequent indoor season, is unbeaten after five races at 60

Once, in Athens, he came within 0.01sec of Lee McRae's world record. No one doubts that Christie will win, but after the mill be has been through, the safe for another season.

In the excitement of young Jason Livingston finishing sec-ond to Christic last weekend, the another promising Briton tended to be overlooked. Rob Denmark, 21, lines up for his British senior debut as reward for winning the AAA 3,000 metres. His time of 7min 54.41 sec looks encouraging alongside Jack Buckner's 7min 46.1 sec British record.

Why the sudden improve ment? "Since October I have been training on Tuesday nights at Jarrow with Mike McLeod and Steve Cram. I have been giving Crammie as good as he gives me and now I am more confident," Denmark said.

The Soviet and American strength in the field events compares favourably to the weak British line-up, but the Commonwealth high jump silver medal winner, Dalton Grant, was drafted into the team yesterday to bolster the home

The most famous of the Soviet visitors is their head of delegation, Irina Press, the for-mer Olympic pentathlon and hurdles champion, whose sister, Tamara, was also a double Olympic champion.

"It's impossible to say when he might run. So far, he's only been-cantered. He's a big, backward type with potential and let's hope he makes up into a decent three-year-old for his dam, who had the makings of a great

Cecil was referring to the untimely death of Lady Moon, who died in Ireland at the age of 10 last weekend. She had recently produced a Kris filly foal and was due to visit Sadler's Wells shortly. Cecil already has Moon Cactus, a full-sister to the foal and twice a winner last year, in his care. Wakashan is named after a family of North American Indian languages and is

owned by Darley Stud Management. He will run in the colours of Sheikh Mohammed, who will be seeking his sixth successive owners' title in the new season, which begins at Doncaster on Thursday. Dancing Brave has made a full recovery from the illness which threatened the early stages of his stud career and is now well into his fourth year at Dalham Hall in Newmarket Among Cecil's other Dancing Brave two-year-olds is the wonderfullynamed Lowawatha, out of Shorthouse, owned by the Cliveden Stnd. The Queen also has a well-named colt, Hiawatha's

Song (out of Soprano) in training with

experienced defeat only once, when an unlucky second to Shahrastani in the 1986 Derby. Crystal-ball gazers who believe that Wakashan can go one better than his illustrious sire at Epsom in 15 months time, can avail themselves of 500-1 with William Hill.

· Home On The Range, dam of the 1987 Derby winner, Reference Point, has dies while foaling at the Coolmore Stud in

Phil McLennan

Whip bans bring harsh A welcome Brownslone to lead the way in the criticism from Caulfield

Born at Aston Upthorpe Stud in Oxford-shire, Wakashau then spent 18 months at Kildangan Stud in Ireland, before joining

Jimmy Lenehan, responsible for breaking in the yearlings at the Co Kildare stud, remembers Wakashan well. "He did everything right. He was a particularly good-looking, well-grown colt and gave us no trapble et all."

Wakashan will have no serious questions

asked of him for some time. His shrewd

trainer, who has few early two-year-olds, would not be drawn into naming even an approximate time for his racecourse debut.

no trouble at all."

Cecil at Warren Place last November

By George Rae

Two years on: Wakashan, the first-born son

of Dancing Brave, canters on Newmarket

Heath earlier this week in the hands of

Peter Emmerson, one of Henry Cecil's stable lads. Right, how he looked as a two-

Officially the best horse of the Eightic

Dancing Brave was retired to stud after his outstanding victory in the 1986 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He will have his first

ronners this year, his initial crop consisting

of 16 colts and 20 fillies. They are now in

the care of 19 different trainers with André

Fabre having five and Guy Harwood and

day old foal in early February, 1988.

Michael Caulfield, secretary of the Jockeys' Association, was yesterday highly critical of the Cheltenham stewards' actions in suspending six riders for whip

offences.
"In fact, I'm extremely angry," Caulfield said. "Racing is not a game of precise boundaries, it must be based on interpretation and discretion. The stewards were at best unwise in enforcing so stringently the regulations relat-ing to the use of the whip."

or vorton's Coin in the Gold Cup. was the most celebrated collected two-day suspensions argument. for "excessive" use after fighting "The out the finish of the Queen Mother Champion Chase on Barnbrook Again and Waterloo

Davies and Dunwoody will have their respective appeals heard on Tuesday but McCourt has decided against pursoing his case. "I am not happy about the suspension and still feel I was hard done by." McCourt said yesterday, "although I did mark the horse. But there were no marks on him this morning and he was perfectly all right." be was perfectly all right."

"The stewards are suggesting that three of the best riders in the country behaved like hooli-

excellent ride, drawing the best from them in high-pressure situations. They should be praised, not damned, for their

brought the question of jockeys' use of the whip, and particularly the guideline of hitting a horse a maximum of 10 times, back into the public arena. Since the instructions were brought in two years ago, jockeys under both codes have adapted their styles conform with the

"I understand that the Jockey case. He was banned for three days for using the whip with a degree of severity which injured the winner, but Hywel Davies and Richard Dunwoody both and Richard Ric

> everything in their power to make the whip instructions work. No-one is going to flout them for the sake of it. It saddens me that we have worked so hard to help the Jockey Club, and have now been betrayed by a lack of under-standing. Rules should be obeyed, but those same rules must be tempered by common-

However, David Pipe, the Jockey Club spokesman, had little sympathy with Caulfield's arguments. "The stewards at Cheltenham did what stewards throughout the country have

ATHLETICS

Injured Jackson withdraws

from the big indoor finale

real improvement.
Without him, the Britain men

will have a much harder task tomorrow, when they attempt to follow up their victory over the East Germans last week by seeing off the other two athletics

gans," Caulfield added. "Nothing could be further from the years," he said. "Every decision truth. Each gave his mount an they took was in line with established practice. Nothing, absolutely nothing, was

forgotten they have regularly professed themselves happy with the whip instructions. Indeed, they played a significant part in the way they were framed. The stewards simply applied what the jockeys themselves had agreed. selves had agreed

for changes because several of their number have been caught transgressing," Pipe went on.
"There is no evidence in these cussions are needed.

"In the past the jockeys have claimed that stewards are prone to picking on the lesser names. famous occasion. They cannot have it both ways."

Racing next week MONDAY: Wolverhampton, New-

TUESDAY: Fontwell Park, Nottngnam. **WEDNESDAY: Worcester, Kelso.** THURSDAY: Doncaster, Towcester, Devon. FRIDAY: Doncester, Newbury,

Ludiow. SATURDAY: Doncaster, Newbury, Bangor, Hexham. Flat meetings in bold

hillside

By Paul Wheeler

Sirrell Griffiths, trainer of 100-1 Gold Cup winner Norton's Coin, was back at his farm in Nantgaredig, near Carmarthen, yesterday, savouring his

The permit-holder, who was enjoying only his seventh success in 11 years, returned to a hero's welcome. "We got back to the yard at 10 o'clock. It was full by then and we didn't get to bed until three," he said. "And today

victory, the racecourse vet-erinary officer found seven weal marks on Norton's Coin, evidence that led to Graham McCount receiving his suspension. But Griffiths reported

rt of McCourt. "I think it's stupid. When it comes to a big race, and you're fighting out a finish, what are you supposed to do? I think the stewards were

trigger happy." Griffiths is undecided about future plans for his champion.
"He's entered for the Martell
Cap at Liverpool. But he'll only
run if I think he's well enough,
otherwise I'll wait until next

 Nick The Brief has been ruled out for the rest of the season after being pulled up in Thurs-day's Gold Cup.

CYCLING

in Cambridgeshire qualifier

The recent winner of the Bicester adjacent race, Brownslone, looks to be the form horse for *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Cambridgeshire point-to-point this afternoon

In a competitive open race at Larkhill, Brownslone pulled up when his chance was gone but on his next outing, at Mollington, stuck to his task well, Tom Illsley producing him Championship at the last to beat Prince Pippin by a couple of lengths. Forty-one entries have been received for the race and these

include Dictatorship, second in a restricted at Cottenham a fortnight ago, and Harpley Madam, a disappointing favourite at the same meeting.

this afternoon.

The Tanatside organizers will be well satisfied with an entry of 199 for their first meeting. In the open, Mount Argus may con-firm his Weston Park form with since, but the issue is not that simple with Pepe Blues and

line-up.
Toby Balding's 19-year-old assistant, Hamish Rowsell, heads a 35-strong entry with Wellington Brown for the Audi qualifier at the New Forest. A winner at the United Services, wellington Brown for the Audi
qualifier at the New Forest A
winner at the United Services,
Wellington Brown went on to
win a hunter chase at
Winnanton Levantage Lad and
Mischievous Monk may provide the main opposition.
In the corresponding event at
the Cottesmore, Periscope looks

Point-to (-point

will have to be on top form to beat General Wrekin. Golden Link may provide Philip Scholfield with another winner in the Land Rover open

at the Quantock and for the same sponsor's qualifier at the Holderness, Lord Purna gets the Philip Scouller has ridden most of his 50 winners at Tweseldown and has a strong It would be no surprise if he won

the first race on Frere Hogan and the last on Oanik. The open race here is crammed with the talent but Namoos, a course winner, looks to be latter than most, provided he can randie the firmer ground.

In the Tivyside open, Timber Tool, looks to have a distinct edge. After winning for Tim Rooney at Erw Lon, this combination went to Llan-frynach last Saturday and looked very impressive. The chips could be down at

the Dart Vale where the five-time winner, For A Lark, could of his races. Last year, when these two met at Bratton Down, For A Lark came out best and I expect the same result today. Ancella is the only winner

from last year returning to the Harkaway and he would have a fair chance of a repeat if choosing to run, under Alistair Ulvet in the adjacent.

store on the Welsh Borders with 256 entries for eight races at the should again win his members'

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Cambridgeshire, Horseheath, 3m E of Linton (first race 1.30); Critisamore, Garthorpe, 5m E of Melton Acetral (1.0); Dart Vale & Haldon, Ittery St Mary, 1m SW of town (1.5); Eg., stor., Sogsoc. 1m N of Invite (1.45); Golden Valley, Brochwardine, 7m E of Hay-on-Mye (12.30); Harkamery Chb., Chaddesley Corbett, 5m W of Bromsgrove (1.15), Holderness, Dalton Park, 5m NW of Beverley (1.30); New Forest Buckhounds, Larkini, 3m NW of Amesbury (1.5); Questicck Staghounds, Willion, 2m E of town (12.30); Translatide, Eyton-on-Severn, 8m SE of Shrewsbury (12.30); Thyside, Parhydein, 7m W of Newcaste Embyn (12.30); Tweseldown Club, Tweseldown, 3m W of Aldershot (1.0).

FISHING

Meal after wheels is the aim

By Peter Bryan Colin Sturgess, Britain's only world champion, has his first race of the season today in the Am-Pro Wembley RS event at

Am-Pro Wembley RS event at Lingfield.
Since his Belgian sponsor, ADR, surprisingly withdrew from the sport in January. Sturgess has been trying — without success — for a contract with an established team. "The closest I have come is an offer from the United States but there would be no money in it for me would be no money in it for me except anything which I won,"

he said yesterday.

"The last thing I want in building up for the defence of my pursuit title in Japan is the pressure of not knowing where the next meal is coming from in an overseas country."

Today's race should be dominated by the Ever Ready and Crown-Chafes professional teams, convincingly beaten last weekend by Alan Gornall, now reinstated as an amateur, at West Bergholt, Essex.

The country's leading amateurs—with the exception of the national champion, David Cook —are all competing tomorrow in the Grand Prix of Essex, the first event of the Star Trophy.

Pollution control change criticized

The chairman of the National Rivers Anthority, Lord Crick-howell, has strongly criticized the Government for proposing to take away some of the author-not hesitate to prosecute if we Rivers Authority, Lord Crick-howell, has strongly criticized the Government for proposing to take away some of the author-ity's vital powers to clean up

rivers.

In a speech to the Royal
Chemical Society he said that
the Environmental Protection Bill was proposing to take responsibility away from the NRA for probably as much as 80 per cent of industrial effluent discharges into rivers and give these powers to the Pollution Inspectorate.

Inspectorate.

The inspectorate, a government department, has been widely criticized as ineffective, and the government has been making efforts to revive it. Part of the plan is to give it some of the powers which were given to the NRA only last year.

Lord Crickhowell said the NRA had been having "vigorous exchanges" with the Department of the Environment to ensure that the transfer of those

ensure that the transfer of those powers to the Pollution Inspec-torate did not reduce the effectiveness of pollution control of the water environment.

And he issued a blunt warn-

of the water environ Lord Crickbowell also called dealing with farm waste. He said that some 200 million tons of animal excrement and the effluent of some 36 million tons of silage had to be dealt with every

year. That meant at least as much animal effluent was placed untreated on the land as buman effinent which in a large part had been treated. He said that the NRA wel-

think it necessary."

The NRA would do its best to

make the proposed new system of integrated pollution control

work but was equally deter-mined to ensure that these new

and more complicated arrangements would not weaken in any way the NRA's determination to

carry out the tasks given to it by Parliament to be the guardians

comed the Government's inten-tion to introduce regulations relating to the storage of silage, slurry and agricultural fuel oil ing: "We have made it very after the consultations which clearto the Secretary of State were now going on.

Cusack cannot contemplate failure

Hughes, Britain's two leading lightweights, Loretta Cusack and Nicola Fairbrother, are locked in battle for supremacy (Nicolas Soames writes). Tomorrow they each have a chance to catch the eye of the

team manager, Roy Inman, when they compete in the Belgian open championships at contingent of 14 seniors and eight juniors. Cusack cannot contemplate

Commonwealth Games title with a strangle. But she was beaten by the 19-year-old Fairbrother in Germany last month on a split decision, and if she really intends to be selected for the European Championships in May she needs to win "I felt I was on walkabout during that fight, but I know I

can beat Nicola when I am

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After the retirement of Ann failure. The 1982 world chammentally on form," Cusack said. Hughes, Britain's two leading pion is 26 and looked for Fairbrother, a trainee sports midable in winning her reporter, acknowledges her Commonwealth Games title opponent's experience: "I will have to fight very well to win but I have beaten her twice now." The 23-year-old world

featherweight champion,
Sharon Rendle, is also competing. "I haven't fought since
winning the Commonwealth
Games and I need a warm-up
fight before the British Open."

YACHTING

Lamazou sets solo record

From Malcolm McKeag Les Sables d'Olonne

solo ocean racer, finally stepped yesterday, the winner of the Globe Challenge non-stop single-handed round-the-world race in 109 days 8hr 48min 50sec.

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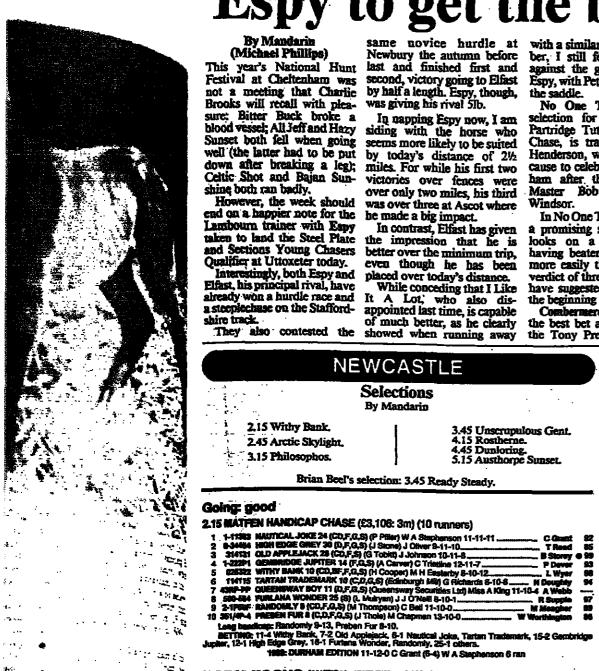
Lamazou's feet had barely touched the pontoon before he was swept aloft by the throng of wellwishers who had sat up half the night to wait for him.

Lamazou's time beats the official record of Dodge Morgan an American, of 150 days gan, an American, of 150 days for a non-stop solo circum-navigation by 41 days and is also considerably quicker than the unofficial record of Olivier de Kersauson, the French multihull sailor, of 125 days.

The first modern yachtsman to sail non-stop round the world was Robin Knox-Johnston, who took 313 days in the original Golden Globe race in 1968. Of all these, however, Lamazou is the only one to have sailed truly without stopping and without physical outside contact: even Knox-Johnston went briefly aground on his trip and de Kersauson stopped twice to offload film.

Lamazou's Ecurcuil d'Aquiaine had been slowed by light head-winds in the final approach to Les Sables in the Bay of Biscay, thwarting plans for an even bigger daylight welcome but even so jazz bands, many small craft and a fireworks display greeted his entry to the

With Loick Peyron expected to finish in the early hours of this morning there remain five competitors still in the race, with three more of the original officially, having been forced to accept outside help. Three others have already retired.



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Brooks will recall with plea- was giving his rival 51b. sure: Bitter Buck broke a shine both ran badly.

end on a happier note for the he made a big impact. Lambourn trainer with Espy

2.15 Withy Bank.

3.15 Philosophos.

2.45 Arctic Skylight,

Festival at Cheltenham was second, victory going to Elfast Espy, with Peter Scudamore in not a meeting that Charlie by half a length. Espy, though,

In napping Espy now, I am blood vessel; All Jeff and Hazy siding with the horse who Sunset both fell when going seems more likely to be suited well (the latter had to be put by today's distance of 21/2 down after breaking a leg); miles. For while his first two Celtic Shot and Bajan Sun-victories over fences were over only two miles, his third However, the week should was over three at Ascot where

In contrast, Elfast has given taken to land the Steel Plate the impression that he is and Sections Young Chasers better over the minimum trip, Outlifier at Uttoxeter today. even though he has been Interestingly, both Espy and placed over today's distance.

Elfast, his principal rival, have While conceding that I Like While conceding that I Like

already won a hurdle race and It A Lot, who also disappointed last time, is capable hire track.

of much better, as he clearly the best bet at Chepstow, in they also contested the showed when running away the Tony Preston Memorial of much better, as he clearly

3.45 Unscrupulous Gent.

... N Doughty 29 G Harter # 99 C Grant 84

. S Turner

J O'Gorman (3)
..... A Orkney
B Storey
Mr J Bradburne

4.45 Dunloring.

NEWCASTLE

Selections By Mandarin

Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Ready Steady.

FORM FOCUS NAUTICAL JOKE 7%! 3rd of 7 to The Wilk at Catterick (In 11 180yd, good to 8rm) with TARTAN TRADEMARK (ED better off) 141 5th; earlier Xil 2nd of 9 to The Wilk at Catterick (In 11 180yd, good to 8rm) with OLD APPLEJACK (ED better off) 141 5th; earlier Xil 2nd of 9 to The Wilk at Catterick (In 44, good) with OLD APPLEJACK (ED worse off) 41 3rd and RANDOBELY (10th better off) 48 3rd and RANDOBELY (10th better off) 145 5th at Newbery (2nd 45, good) to 500 better off) 48 3rd and RANDOBELY (10th better off) 85 8th. Full Labas WONDER 2914 4th of 7 to Sword Beach at Sadgefield (2nd 45) and 164 5th and 164 5th at Newbery (2nd 45) and 165 5th an

METTING: 5-2 Arctic Skyright, 4-1 Jesters Prospect, 9-2 Nlad, 6-1 Viridien, 8-1 Park Stave, River Pearl.

1989: ITALIAN TOUR 9-11-3 K Ryan (10-1) Mrs G Plowright 11 ran

FORM FOCUS ARCTIC SKYLIGHT | Bisle (2m 1f 110yd, good): previously 111 4th of 8 to best Sperions 31 at Catterick (2m, good to firm). Leigh Boy at Ayr (2m, soft). FARK SLAVE 151 3rd of 14 to Servicus; Jack at Sedgefield (2m, good to soft); Jack Shape Shape (2m) and distance (good to soft) with NAD (30) better off) 31 4th and ROYAL BEE (3b) better off) 31 4th and ROYAL BEE (3b) better off) a tailed off 14th.

MELEAGRES 161 7th of 21 to City Comment at Car-

3.15 NORTHERN CHAMPION JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £5,900: 2m) (11

SETTRIC: 9-4 Philosophos, 4-1 Rouyan, 5-1 Dancing River, 13-2 Carbisdale, Ambuscade, 10-1 Sybi

FORM FOCUS PHILOSOPHOS showed improved improved from when beating Calicon St at Kempton (2m, good with CANSING PLU Up best alfort on penultimate start when CANSING PLU Up best alfort on penultimate start when CANSING PLU Up best alfort on penultimate start when CANSING PLU Up best alfort on penultimate start when CANSING PLU Up best alfort on penultimate start when beating Dise Jay Pee 101 at Wincarton (2m, good to soit). TOP ENTERTABLES is at Kelso (2m, good to soit), and of 16 to White River at Wincarton (2m, good to firm).

Selection: PHILOSOPHOS

Course specialists

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 Babil.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 LISLARY LAD.

2.15 JOHNSEY ESTATES NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,310: 2m) (8 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Courtbrook, 7-2 Tabasma, 4-1 Querry Town, 6-1 At Hashim, 8-1 Roscott, 12-1 Davids

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.46 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,800: 3m) (18 runnars)

Going: good (back straight good-firm patches)

4.15 Sirrah Jay. 4.45 Jeassu.

WITHY BANK 112nd of 9 to The Wilk at Catterick (3th | Selection; WITHY BANK (1929)

2.45 ROTHBURY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,842: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

same novice hurdle at with a similar race in Decem- Novices' Chase over three be thwarted by Babil in the Newbury the autumn before ber, I still feel that it goes miles.

the saddle. No One To Blame, my selection for the Dog and Partridge Tutbury Handicap Chase, is trained by Nicky Henderson, who at least had cause to celebrate at Cheltenham after the victories of Master Bob and Brown Windsor.

In No One To Blame, he has a promising stayer who still looks on a lenient mark, having beaten Uncle Merlin more easily than the judge's verdict of three lengths might have suggested at Ludlow at

the beginning of this month. Combermere is my idea of

of a mare by Sovereign Path, Combermere stays amazingly well. That was evident at Devon and Exeter in January when he easily beat Royal Battery over three miles and a furlong. Since then Combermere has done even better over shorter trips at Kempton.

With Tug Of Gold and Dantree running, David Nicholson will have good claims to winning both di-visions of the Hare and Hound Novices' Hurdle.

While I think that the second division can go to

When he was successful at Doncaster a week ago, Babil was winning his third race in four starts, all since being gelded.

Twelve months ago, class prevailed at Newcastle when Bank View won the Northern Champion Juvenile Handicap Hurdle under 12 stone. Now, I expect the pattern to be repeated by last month's Kempton Philosophos, who has made the long journey north from Tiverton in Devon.

At Lingfield, Sprowston Boy can justify the decision of his connections to sidestep last Saturday's Imperial Cup at

Duntree, whose half-brother Sandown because of the firm

Ravaro stayed so well, I feel going by winning the Builder that Tug Of Gold could well Group Gold Cup. 3.45 NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,581: 3m) (10

BETTING: 2-1 Ready Steady, 7-2 Straight Pilot, 4-1 Unscrupulous Gent, Water Wagtell, 8-1 Owen Duff, Cloarocke Stream, 12-1 Douglas Brig, 16-1 others. 1988: DOUGLAS BRIG 11-11-3 Nr N Hargreave (18-1) N Hargreave 9 ran

FORM FOCUS DOUGLAS BEGG 131

STRANGHT PILOT 30 2nd of 11 to Foxburster's runsited at Kebo Gan, good to soft; seriler 1 kil 2nd of 9

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STRANGHT PILOT (3th worse off) feel 13th. OWEN

DUFF beet Tot Spiendid 11 at Weitherby (3m 100yd.

Can 44, good to firm) with SRILLIVAN (same terms)

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WATER WAGTAIL 25 2nd of 14 to Cremmer at

Haydock (3m, heavy) where WATER WAGTAIL (3th

Detirer off) feel and remounted and pulled up.

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1		MOMENT OF TRUTH 22 (D,S) (P Purcell) P Monteith 6-11-8	97
2	23-0	COLONEL ARTHUR 8 (Miss M Paterson) G Richards 6-11-2	_
3	CPP500	HEADLEYS BRIDGE 28 (S) (J Byrne) Miss J Exton 6-11-2 B Storey	81
4		LORDSHIP 24 (J MIRICAN) M Barnes 5-11-2	9
5		MANS NO ANGEL 136F (R Scott) T Craig 5-11-2 C Hawkins	73
8			9 9
7	300	SECRET LIFE 84 (P Piler) W A Stephenson 5-11-2 S O'Donoven (5)	_
8		JOE BUMPAS 70F (D,F) (W Spink) T Barron 4-11-0 B McGH (5)	94
9		LOCALITY 21 (E Incise) N Timider 5-10-11 G McCourt	81
10		THUNDER FLOWER 86 (G Richards) G Richards 5-10-11	81
11		PREMIER PRINCESS 29 (G) (D Crury) W Bentley 4-10-9 J Callaghan (5)	81
12		BIG BEAR 224F (Mrs. J. Watson) K. Morgan 4-10-8	-
13	PPCCP	DINSUALE LAD 24 (Armstrong/Greenwell) M Barnes 4-10-8	_
14		SLDER PRINCE 24 (W Pratt) M H Easterby 4-10-8	80
15		LIGHT DANCER 14 (P Daly) L Codd 4-10-8.	85
16		SEMONOFF 21 (B Durbar) T Craig 4-10-8	76
	BEI ING	5-2 Joe Bumpas, 3-1 Locality, 4-1 Rostherne, 6-1 Elder Prince, 10-1 Moment Of Truth,	12-1
QIQ	ship, 14-1	oners.	

1989: LYNEMORE 7-10-10 J Callaghan (6-4 fav) N Crump 15 ran

FORM FOCUS MONERT OF TRUTH

21 at Sedgefield (2m., good to sort) on penultimate start. HEADLEYS ENDOSE 27 8 bh of 11 to Leigh Boy over course and distance (good) with MONERT OF TRUTH (6th worse off) 8th and DESDALE LAD (4th worse off) 9th.

LORDSHEP 16% 5th of 15 to Cipper's Dream at Catterick (2m, good) to sort) with DERSDALE (2m) good). LOCALITY 14% 4th of 15 to Birstwith at Edinburgh (2m, good).

LORDSHEP 16% 5th of 15 to Cipper's Dream at Catterick (2m 11 180yd, form) on penultimate start.

G McCourt 92 4 0P-27FU BUNDER ONC 2 (Pearson) J Charmon #-11-2 Common (3)
5 83-365 CREEARER 11 (G.S.) (Beary) J Whatton 6-11-2 Street
6 301-4P9 MASTER SALESMAN 11 (SF,F) (J Walton) F Walton 7-11-2 Street
7 5226-35 NORTON WARRIOR 63 (G.S) (Maj J Libry) M H Essianty 7-11-2 L Walton
8 6-2023 SALEONS DELIGHT 36 (T McDonagh LLS) W A Stapherson 6-11-2 Common 9 64P221/ SHERMAN GUTTERY 656 (F,G,S) (W Precock) G Richards 9-11-2 Shorts Dation, Majorana, 1-1 others.

1998: COOL RECEPTION 8-11-2 C Grant (10-11 fav) W A Stephenson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS DUBLORING best in 10 CREEAGER 241 3rd to Eliast at Warwick (2m, good) with BORDER OAK felt 6th; carrier 31 2nd to Boulzdardif same course (2m).

Allieraaris Giffe, best in The Breeze 15 at Caterick (2m, good) with DUBLORING (1th better off) 51 3rd; carrier 101 4th of 5 to Hotpine at Carriers (2m, sod).

SARLORS DELIGHT 3% 3rd of 16 to Royal Invader

5.15 SYCAMORE HANDICAP HURDLE (22,158: 2m 4f) (13 numers)

FORM FOCUS TAYLORMADE BOY
Gayle at Edinburgh (3m, good) with THARALEOS
(7b better off) 7m.
CASUAL PASS 30 3mt to Jamy Jack at Kelso (2m, good) to soft) DARK EMPEROR 31 2nd to MB De
Lease at Sedgefield (2m 4f) centrifunas start.

ARMAGRET 18%1 5m of 24 to Musical Mystery at here (2m, good) to soft) last time with MACHO MAN
(5b better off) 8m. MACHO MAN 7%1 4th to One For

1989: KIRSTY'S BOY 6-10-0 R Fahey (10-1) J S Wilson 14 rar

3.15 TONY PRESTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,600: 3m) (13 runners)

234121 COMBERMERE 21 (G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 6-11-5.

POPORD-P CRYSTAL BALL 35 (T Price) J Thomas 6-11-2.

00004P GOODMYNS LAD 28 (S) (Mrs M Cornish) A Barrow 6-11-2.

00004P HASSEL'S FIRM 56 (Niss E Sneyd) Miss E Sneyd 9-11-2.

0FP HIGH TOBY 9 (P Bowert) N Tweston-Davies 7-11-2.

10FP HIGH TOBY 9 (P Bowert) N Tweston-Davies 7-11-2.

10FP MOSSAL BAY 7 (J Old) J Old 9-11-2.

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FP/P-PB MOSSAL BAY 7 (J Old) J Old 9-11-2.

SEMICIAL SEEL YEST A CHART A CHART 9-11-2. 9 FY/FYS MUSSAL BAT / (a CR) J UKB 9-11-2 9 SINGING SEAL HAS (J Adair) R Cartis 9-11-2 10 P/5/4-PF SIX SHOT 12 (FS) (J Franços) R Hodges 10-11-2 11 PO-5664 TEMPERABLE 7 (3) (P Rich) J Thomas 6-11-2 12 254302 WHAT A WALLY 15 (R Faiers) M Oliver 8-11-2 13 3P/PP20 TRAVAL GIRL 10 (Airs P Wyer) G Ham 9-10-11 Mr P Doyle BETTING: 2-5 Combermere, 8-1 Temperable, 10-1 What A Wally, 14-1 Montgomery, 16-1 High Toby, 1989: ONLY TROUBLE 8-11-7 R Dunwoody (4-6 fav) T Houlbrooks 6 ran 3.45 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,800: 3m) (14 runners)

.... P Verling (3) G Brackey P Holley (3) 0P-00 GESSMO 12 (B Trotman) C James 5-11-5
00000 KRANI 12 (J Goving) J Long 5-11-5
P MATCHENG WOOD 75 (G Greenwood) R Holder 6-11-5
SIDF MONDAY CLUE 9 (J Tock) G Balding 6-11-5
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SIDF MATCHEN 15 (Air G Jackson) G Balding 6-11-5
SIDF SHANNON PRINCE 14 (Jurs A James) A James 8-11-5
SIDF MATCHEN CHACK 25 (J Wingfal) Miss H Kinght 7-11-5
SIDF SAUCY MINISTREL 67 (Mrs S Thorne) Miss J Thome 6-11-0
SIDF CELTIC GASTLE 14 (P Parkinson) J Roberts 4-10-9
SIDF SAUCY MINISTREL 14 (T FETTI Anni) 3-1 Minist The Crack, 6-1 in Fetti Anni 3-1 Minist The Crack 6-1 in Fetti Anni 3-1 ... J Frost BETTONCE 15-8 Dunines, 11-4 Tis Frank Again, 3-1 Whats The Crack, 6-1 My Paiot, 12-1 Dress Up,

1989: REMAINDER OF MEETING ABANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED 4.15 CAVALIER AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,735: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

65,0,35 KING SEAR 75 (Mrs Y Alsop) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-0 26P6 DINGLE JACK 7 (A Shail) R Shail 6-10-0 BETTRIC: 3-1 Liniary Lad, 7-2 Sarah Jay, 4-1 My Skiway, 5-1 Wally Wombat, 11-2 San Ovac, 10-1 Doci Brief, 14-1 Boid King's Russar, 20-1 others. 4.45 HORSESHOE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,092: 2m) (9 runners) 123112 POLLOCK 22 (D.F.G) (Mrs M Bagrove) M Pipe 7-12-0

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100134 PUSTY ROC 71 (D.G.S) (M Dennes) M Davies 9-11-10

10-102 CAREER BAY 16 (B.F.S) (N Philips) D Haydn Jones 8-10-6

55-4012 JEASSU 15 (D.S) (Ars R Miles) A J Wisson 7-10-6

105-000 VERSATILE 24 (D.S) (Mrs P Sherwood) N Henderson 6-10-3

105-000 VERSATILE 24 (D.S) (Milcombe Masor Risc Stols Ltd) N Mischell 7-10-2

100-004 PAMPER 9 (D.G.S) (Milcombe Masor Risc Stols Ltd) N Mischell 7-10-2

100-004 MISCHEL EREBUS 9 (D.G.S) (J Historie) C Allen 5-10-0

100-004 MISCHEL EREBUS 9 (D.G.S) (J Historie) C Allen 5-10-0

SOP-OR MOUNT EXERUS 9 (Lord Head) Lord Head 6-10-0 BETTING: 2-1 Jessey, 7-2 Police, 4-1 Varstalle, 5-1 Sura Wel, 6-1 Rusty Roc, 10-1 Hamper, 15-1 others.



Course specialists 31.5 30.0 21.2 20.0 15.7 16.1

UTTOXETER

Selections By Mandarin

2.0 D'Or's Gem. 2.30 Mr Quick. 3.0 Strike A Point. 3.30 ESPY (nap). 4.0 Fred Splendid. 4.30 No One To Blame. 5.0 Smooth Escort. By Michael Seely 3.30 Espy. 4.30 Birling Jack.

Going good Going good

2.0 PACE PLANT CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (\$2,164; 2m) (18 runners)

1 33-0 INTREPID LAD 12 (0,8,6) M McCourt 8-12-0, J Ruston
2 -00F TOUR DE FORCE 46 (0,8,0,5) P Makin 10-12-0
P Harriny (7)

3 -556 BABY BOY 59 (D.S) 8 Forsey 9-11-6. N Macon 4 US01 DYOR'S GEM 4 (D.F) P Blockiny 7-11-8. P Midgaly (7) 5 000- JOHN FEATHER 411 (D.G.S) William Price 11-1-8. A Price (7) 6 0343 JURISPRUDENCE 47 (D.F) P Beven 7-11-8. R Befamy 7 40P2 LEON 38 (F.G) W Clay 8-11-8. R Beven 8 0-FP NORE RELL 28 (D.E.F) R Brotherton 5-11-8. S Woods 9 F083 RAMFOD 9 (D.E.F) R Hodges 5-11-8. Writing 10 0/0- SHOOKER TABLE 511 (Q) K Write 7-11-8. A Charlton 11 4FF8 XYLOPHONE 58 (D.F) Nies L Bower 8-11-3 S Nodgeon (7)

12 03F3 PRINCIPAL 24 (B.BF) Jimmy Fitzgeraid 6-11-2 D Byrna 13 0/F SHIMONI 65 F Holis 6-11-2 L Byrna 14 39F9 KEEP STRAIGHT 16 (DK Ryen 4-11-0 Rachel Judge (7) 15 P90P RHYTHIN DANCER 10 J O'Shee 7-10-11 144- SUPER IDEA 311 (V) K Wingrova 5-10-11

17 036 PRIX DU NORD 10 (8) K Wingrove 4-10-8 J Lodder 18 450F SOLDIER SRAVE 16 R Manning 4-10-8 A McLellan 5-4 Principal, 3-1 Jurisprudence, 5-1 Ramrod. 2.30 RIVERSIDE INN BRANSTON HANDICAP

1 2111 VULRORY'S CLOWN 7 (D.F.G.S) O Brennen 12-12-0 2 12U3 HIGH RIVER 21 (D.G.S) B Morgan 8-11-7.... B Drawling 3 2064 KARNATAK 74 (D.F) K Bridgwater 9-11-3
D Bridgwater (7)
4 P5-5 FLAG OF TRUCE 44 (B.D.S) S Christian 10-10-12
A Bridgwater (5)

5 11-9 MANDRAY 11 (D.G.S) J Upson 7-10-11
6 6652 MR GUICK 8 (D.EF.F.G.S) J Whenton 11-10-5 S 4 O'Neitl
7 F-PP PAN ARCTIC 12 (D.F.G.S) T Bill 11-10-4... J Railson (3)
6 P234 SASIL THYNE 52 (CD.F.S) T Balley 10-10-2... J Lodder 5-2 Mandray, 7-2 Vultory's Clown, 4-1 High River, 3.0 MARSTON'S BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE

3,32.1. SOME HACHINE 21 (B,BF,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald
11-11-10

1 3116 SOME MACHINE 21 (B,BF,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald
2 9-65 WESTWAY 12 (G,S) G Hinn 7-11-10 — 1-11

Course specialists TRAINERS: S Christian, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 8 from 17, 47.1%; C Brooks, 4 from 9, 44.4%; M Pipe. 14 from 50, 28.0%; J Webber, 17 from 63, 27.0%; J Glover, 3 from 12, 25.0%. JOCKEYS: A Mulholland, 5 winners from 16 rides, 31.3%; B de Haen, 10 from 57, 27.0%; P Scudamors, 11 from 58, 19.0%; D J Burchel, 4 from 26, 15.4%; D Tegg, 5 from 35, 14.3%; J Railton, 3 from 26, 11.5%. 3.30 STEEL: PLATE AND SECTIONS NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,262: 2m 4f) (12)

CHASE (Question: 23,262: 271 41) (12)

1 2011 ELFAST 11 (C.G.S.) 3 Webber 7-11-11 P Scudences
2 P111 ESFY 63 (C.F.G.S.) C Brooks 7-11-11 P Scudences
3 R1F0 11 LKE IT A LOT 35 (D.BF.F.Q.) R Lao 7-11-7 B Dowling
4 0000 BSSPHAM BAY 26. J Smith 6-11-3 P Dowling
6 0-4P BUTT AND BEN 58 (6) F Walnyn 6-11-3 R Chapman
6 6204 EROSTIN PLOATS 10. J Upon 6-11-3 R Supple
7 F50 GOLDEN CHOFT 26 (5) D McCain 7-11-3 R Supple
8 4/P PADDYS CYSTER 10 O Breman 7-11-3 R Beressan
9 2830 PRINCE CELTC 7 W CAY 6-11-3 R Bewan (7)
10 386P SUNDAY FOR MONDAY 53 R Hodges 7-11-3
11 0-US TINY STEAL 21 W Morts 6-11-3 A Malholland (5)
12 ES34 SIEGERN 16 (7) M Francis 6-10-12 B de Haste.
5-4 ENDY 3-1 EROST 5-11-1 F5 M Francis 6-10-12 B de Haste.

54 Espy, 3-1 Stast, 5-1 I Like It A Lot, 8-1 Erostin Flats, 12-1 Butt And Ben, 14-1 others. 4.0 PORTERHOUSE RESTAURANTS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (92.565: 2m) (13) 1 22/ NORTHERN BARRY 673 (B) J McConnochie 6-11-10

1 22/ NORTHERN BARRY 673 (B) J McConnochie 6-11-10
J Shorft
2 -F4F SEVENS OUT 22 (8) A J Wilson 8-11-9 J White
3 F06 ADROMETOS 9 B Curley 7-11-9 D Marphy
4 -F69 NESWOOD JACK 6 M Wildinson 7-11-6 M Lyach
5 0335 JOYFILNESS 29 (0.F) P Bevan 5-11-5 R Belleyy (5)
6 5015 FLYING 35 (0.BF) R Marring 4-11-4 A McLetter (7)
7 -041 NORDOLL 12 D Burchel 5-11-4 D J Burchel
8 402 FALCON FLIGHT 65F (8F) J Mackie 4-11-4 S J O'Neill
8 402 FALCON FLIGHT 65F (8F) J Mackie 4-11-4 S J O'Neill
9 409 DECTIVE BOY 77 (F) Mass L Bower 8-11-2 Hodgae (7)
10 9-09 DECTIVE BOY 77 (F) Mass L Bower 8-11-2 Hodgae (7)
11 6320 FRED SPLENDRU 21 R Hodgas 7-10-13 W Winte (3)
12 6636 UP-A-PORYT 10 F Lee 5-10-12 D Byrne
13 -P5U RISH DILEMBA 36 T Kersey 7-10-5 Sasan Kersey (7)
9-4 Nordol, 7-2 Joyfulness, 4-1 Flying, 6-1 Falcon Flight,

9-4 ivordoit, 7-2 Joyfulness, 4-1 Flying, 6-1 Falcon Flight, 8-1 Sevens Out, 10-1 Keswood, 12-1 others.

4.30 DOG AND PARTRIDGE TUTBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,314: 3m 2f) (14) 1 2121 BISHOPDALE 98 (C,D,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-10 Mr K Johnson (5)
2 -U35 BERLING JACK 29 (5) J Edwards 9-11-5 Thorpan
3 6220 ROLL-A-JOINT 16 (C,D,G,S) C Popham 12-11-4

7 -P4F SOLARES 11 (CD.G.S) J Berry 10-10-12 J A Hamil 8 0/4- COURSE HUNTER 482 (G.S) D Murray Smith 12-10-10 NI Boulb

13 4PPP CRACK A JOKE 54 (CD,F,G,S) T 89 11-10-0 14 5440 COVENT GARDEN 26 (CD,G,S) W City 12-10-0 7-2 Zeta's Lad, 9-2 No One To Stame, 5-1 Sneakapenny, Roll-A-Joint, 8-1 Rymer King, Vulgan Warrior, 10-1 others. 5.0 LADBROKE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,582: 2m 4f)

1 0 CELTIC KING 9 B Carley 6-11-2 D Marphy
2 3352 CONCERT PAPER 21 Miss S Witon 6-11-2 S Denties (6)
3 -FP3 HEAD LAD 57 B Peacock 7-11-2 R Fabry
4 FP33 OCEAN ROGILE 24 W Clay 9-11-2 R Beward (7)
5 00 POACHER'S PAL 21 W A Stephenson 5-11-2 5 00 POACHER'S PALZI WATER STORM AND SERVICE TO THE 9 8000 SNEVES 26 J Mackie 5-11-2 SJ 10 SURSHMER BLUES F Wateryn 7-11-2 Mr G 11 005 THE PLUMLEY FLYER 9 J McConnochie 5-11-2 12 3254 THES NETTLE DANGER 32 J Grover 6-11-2. J J Golden 13 -650 FARMCOTE ARR 25 Mrs H Parrott 8-10-11 R Belliamy (5)

● Jenny Bloom landed a 59-1 double at Fakenham yesterday with Nerak Senga and Prince Carlton, the only horses she trains under permit at Wymondham in Norfolk.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin 2.10 Go Nobley. 2.40 Carjujen. 3.10 Disneyland. 3.40 Sprowston Boy. 4.10 Dee Jay Pee. 4.40 Storm Warrior. 5.10 Blackguard. 5.40 Greenhills

Going: standard 2.10 EMERALD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,450; 2m 4f)

1 0613 A FRIEND OF MINE 33 (C) M Tompkins 11-

\$-5 Go Nobley, 2-1 Helianic Prince, 5-1 Binkley, 7-1 A and Of Mine. 2.40 EDEN-SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,730: 2m) (16)

1 8-06 ENCK KNIGHT 67 (5) P Allingham 9-12-0 D Skymte (3) 2 3196 EXCELLENCY 11 (B.D.G) P Davis 7-11-13 A S Smith (7) 3 9:5 PANDANGO LIGHT 593 (D.S) A Moore 9-11-8 G Moore 4 0223 UP THE LADDER 24 (B.D.B.F.G.S) D Wirdle 6-11-4

5 1613 PERLLYNE'S PRIDE 12 (B,CO,F,G) R Juckes 9-11-0 Date McKee

J Ake 16 0053 CAMDORE BOY 8 (D.F) J Bradley 10-10-0 D Galk 3-1 Up The Ladder, 9-2 Carjujen, 7-1 Jim Bridger, 8-1 Cou-gar, 10-1 Hjani, 12-1 Another Season, 14-1 others. 3.10 IAN McCALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,952:

5 225F TRITO HILL 98 Miss L Bower 7-10-0... D O'Scilling 5-4 Disneyland, 5-2 Murphy, 4-1 Mrs Peopleater, 6-1 Soltary Resper, 12-1 Tinto Hill.

Course specialists TRAINERS: C Benstead, 5 winners from 7 runners, 71.4%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 5, 60.0%; M Tompkins, 3 from 7, 42.9%; Miss B Senders, 9 from 28, 32.1%; Mrs J Pitman, 11 from 46, 23.9%; J Fittch-Heyes, 9 from 45, 20.0%. JOCKEYS: J Tuite, 5 winners from 11 rides, 45.5%; Dale McKeown, 29 from 85, 34.1%; R Guest, 4 from 19, 21.1%; I Shoemark, 6 from 33, 18.2%; S Smith Eccles, 7 from 41, 17.1%; I Davies, 14 from 88, 15.9%. 3.40 BUILDER GROUP GOLD CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,700: 2m 4f) (10) 1 5-22 SPROWSTON BOY 21 (G,S) W Perrin 7-12-2 S Certal (7)

5 131P ALACUI 56 (D.F.G.S) Mrs S Oliver 8-10-0 V Stetlery (7) 6 1421 LESBET 17 (C.F) C Wildman 5-10-0 P Bernard (5) 7 P112 BAHRAIN BRIDGE 31 (CD) A Denson 5-10-0 8 0111 MILTON BRYAN 8 (D,F) J Fütch-Heyes 5-10-0 I Shezzall (7) 9 5503 HOLTERMANN 21 M Haynes 6-10-0 R Amost 10 2113 OLYMPUS REEF 15 (D,BF) P Davis 5-10-0 Temya Devie 3-1 Regal Lake, 9-2 Sing The Blues, 13-2 Nahar, 8-1 Bah-Bridge, 10-1 Sprowston Boy, 12-1 Lasbet, 14-1 others.

4.10 NEWLEAF NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 21,464:

1 24 DEE JAY PEE 18 B Preco 10-10 T Wall
2 0023 LEIA MECENE 12 J Ellion 10-10 R Guest
3 45 ROCQUARE 5 (87) Mrs J Priman 10-10 D Gaffagher
4 PO DARING CLASS 24 P Rodford 10-5 D Norta
5 0 DIANA DEE 14 P Bailey 10-5 1 Shoemark (5) 11-10 Rocquaine, 2-1 Dee Jay Pee, 6-1 Leia Mecane, 8-1 Daring Class, 16-1 Diana Dee.

4.40 BIC ORANGE RAZOR NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,674: 2m) (6)

P Barnard (5)
2 P010 DISTANT RELATION 7 (B,CD,G) K Cusningstam-Brown
5-11-9 H Davies
3 0F-4 RYMOLBREESE 15 Mrs S Oliver 5-10-0. Jacquel Hayes
4 0-00 TREASURE LORD 59 (5) E Wheeler 7-10-0 D Callaghes
5 5-P2 BRUNON 12 P Barley 6-10-0...................... I Shoemark (5)
6 PP04 ROOF GHOST 26 R Becmen 6-10-0......................... L O'Here (7)

11-8 Storm Warrior, 7-2 Distant Relation, 5-1 Brunoris, 6-1 Roof Ghost, 8-1 Rymbolbreese, 12-1 Treasure Lord. 5.10 NEWLEAF NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,450:

04 BLACKGUARD 21 (8) Mrs J Pitman 10-10 D Gatlagher 0 CELTIC BHOY 11F P Mitchell 10-10 S Kaighdey P PROVIDENCE BEAU 8 A Ridgut 10-10 R Arnott SEATTLE PRIDE 9F M Tompkins 10-10 S Smith Eccles

Evens Blackguard, 5-2 Celhic Bhoy, 3-1 Seattle Pride, 10-1 Providence Beau. 5.40 EBF STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,646: 1m 51) (12)

1 31 BARNSDALE 17 (CD) D Grissell 5-12-0 Mrs D Grissell
2 0 ALL CARRIENA 7 J Jenkins 5-11-7 P McDensott (7)
4 21 GREENHILS WARRIOR 8 (CD) M Ryan 4-11-7

6-4 Greenhils Werrior, 3-1 Barnsdele, 4-1 Rotten Daphne, 6-1 Anglia Vale, 10-1 Ali Carrena, 12-1 others.

Results from two meetings

Fakenham

Going: good
2.15 (2m 80yd hdie) 1, DEEP WATER
8AY (A Cerroll, 4-1); 2, Eleanor Cross (D
Gellagher, 33-1; 3, Spibles (D Byrne, 331), ALSO RAN: 5-2 ist V Occamist, 11Tigers Pet (5th), 7 Donatist (6th), 8
Peargiow, 10 Belpanel, 11 Clopton (4th),
14 Prince Rob (pu), The Gennochy (pu), 11
ran, NR: Another Barney, 1½i, 10l, B
McMath at Tenworth, Tota: 25,10; 22.10;
212.80, 24.30, 02. P. 2114.40, CSP: £103.19.
Titcest: 23,490.42. No bid. Tricest: 23,490.42. No bid.
2.45 (3m ch) 1. NERAK SENGA (Mr N
Bloom, 3-1); 2, Farraneory (T Morgen, 9-2); 3, Kemriss (R Guest, 4-5 tav). ALSO
RAN: 10 Basrutist (ref), 14 Gelloping Claude (pu). 5 ran. XI, dist. Mrs.J Bloom at Wymondham. Tota: 22,80; 21,30, 22,20. DF: 29,70, CSF: £15.60.

DF: 29.70. CSF: £15.60.
3.15 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, ROARS OF APPLAUSE (Mr W Sporborg, 7-2); 2, Deer Creet (Mr W Wates, 7-2); 3, An Heite (Mr G Oxfey, 16-1), ALSO (AM: 3 faw) Hows Tony (7, 7-2 Fort Heit (4th), 7 Pranca Nepal (pu), 12 Count Frederick (6th), 33 Kares Star (5th), Made For Life, 9 mn, 34, 201, 101, 81, 2%1. G Finch at Brentwood, Tota: £5.20; £16.41.

2:16.41.
3.45 (2m 80 yd hdie) 1, 8/6 DIAMOND (R
Campbell, 5-2); 2, Operatic Score (M
Ahem, 100-30); 3, Wissing Dancer (S
Hodgson, 11-2). ALSO FAX: 9-4 fav
Helenic Princs (4m), 6 Corbally Bess
(8th), 10 Old Dutch Holbom (8th), 6 ran.
Nic, 6i, 14i, 15i, 10i. I Campbell at
Newmarket, Tota: 23.00; 21.60, 22.10. DF;
26.80, CSF; £11.47. 24.BO. CSF: £1147.
4.15 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, PRINCE CARLTON (Mrs J Saumders, 14-1); 2, John O'Dee (Mr J Durkan, 9-4 fev); 3, Durstal (D Shaw, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 (Namadoor, 7-2 Barn Brae (8th), 14 (Hounstout, 20 General Bee (5th), 25 (Ringmon's Girl (pu), 33 The Fruit (4th), 9 an. 11, 2%, 41, 11, 121. Mrs J Bloom at Wymondham, Tota: £19.80; £3.00, £140, 5120, £25 exps. 23, Totastic.

Placepot: £54.80. Wolverhampton

Galeg: good to tent.

2.30 (pm hds) 1, DELTIC (P Scudamore, 3-1); 2, Viceroy Jester (N Marn, 16-1); 3, Nose So Wise (J Lecch, 11-8 fay), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Chadobaan (4th), 20 Just Panmony, Ardoran (bu), 33 Taplych d'Airy (pu), 50 After The Gloom (5th), Charcoal Burner (pu), Cony's Caper, Cream And Greek, Grey Admiral, High Deal, No Pay Rise, Stop Two (6th), My

Przyer (pu), Go Rabali Go (ur). 17 ran. 7l, 10i. 12i, 6i, 7l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tota: £4.70; £2.10, £3.20, £1.30. DF: £24.10. CSF: £43.01.

CSF: 943-01.

3.9 (2m hole) 1, ABLE VALE (N Mann, 9-2): 2, Broderie Anglaine (S McNeil, 10-1): Estania (8-13 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Evende, 20 Woodlands Lady (pu), 33 Gabic Belle, Little Red Hower (5th), Mean To Me, Queens Courier, 50 Brida For A Day (6h), Katoa (4h), 11 ran. 6. 15, 3. 4, 10, R Holder at Bristia Toke 24.80; 21.20, Er. 22.30, CSF: 24.45. Winner was bought in for 3,500 guiness.

3.30 (2m hole) 1, FTT FOR COUNSEL (J Lower, 6-4 fav); 2, Curious Feeling (M Bosley, 10-3); 3, Little Time (Gary Lyons, 12-1), ALSO HAN: 5 There You Are (4th), 10 Alexandra Kattine, 11 Caystal Park (5th), 14 Spainsh Love (6th), 66 Flying Roofer (pu), Russinga Island (pu), Superlassis (pu), 10 ran. 5, 5, 251, 10, 41. M Pipe st Weitingon, Tota: 23.10; 51.40, 51.70, £1.80, DF: £5.50, CSF: £5.54. Winner bought in tor 9,250 guineas.

4.0 (5m 11 ch) 1, SALERGRST (4 Frost,

Winner bought in for 9,250 gureass.
4.0 (3m 11 ch) 1, SALERURST (4 Frost, 12-1); 2, Crowscopper (P Scudamore, 6-1); 3, Ari Broker (L Harvey, 7-4 keV), ALSO RAN: 10-5 Comedy Lane (4th), 6 Ramsdell (ur), 20 Good Waters, Earmons Owen (6th), 25 Way Under (I), 33 King Kas, Stardust Roc (5th), 10 ran, sh hd, 81, 151, 51, 25, 25 Rating at Weyhalt, Tote: £12.50; £2.30, £2.00, £1.40, DF: £22.00, CSF: £73.73.
Tricast £168.52. Tricast: \$168.52.
4.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, SPLITTHEDIFFERENCE (R Durwoody, 3-1): 2, Ethe
Boy (J Raiton, 2-1 fay); 3, Mists of Time (S)
J C'Nelli, 7-1). ALSO FAN: 9-2 Southern
Resper (pu), 16 Mariner's Star (4th), 25
Mester Attorney, 33 Just Pertines (I), TaraBoy (Sh.) 50 Just Mick, Mill Folky (pu),
Stormy Monarch (8th), 66 Wyvern, 12 ran.
\$1, 151, 161, 191, 301. D Nicholson at Stowon-the-Wold. Tota: £3.30; £1.50, £1.50,
£2.20. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.26.

Hounstout, 20 General Base (5th), 25 50 (2mch) 1, Master Rails (M. Ingmonts Gar) (up. 33 The First (4th), 9 fav. Mandain's napt; 2, Woodland Rerat. 11, 2%, 41, 11, 121. Mrs J Bloom at Wymondham, Tota: £19.80: £3.00, £1.40, 171. 2, 171. 2, 172. 2, 170. 12-11, 11 ran, 2, 11/1, J Chugg, Tota: £3.60; £1.10, £1.20, DF: £28.60, CSF: £48.33, Theast: £150.83,

Thisst: £150.83.

4.45 (2m 80yd hdie) 1, SANTO BOY (S D Williams, 2-1 fav); 2, Darzi (R Garritty, 4-1); 5, Sithon Abbey (T Color, 100-30). ALSO Sculamore, 8-11 fav; Michael Seely; 8, Sithon Abbey (T Color, 100-30). ALSO RAN; 7-2 Pocketed (4th), 15-2 Happy Happy (2th), 15-2 Happy Happy (2th), 15-2 Happy Happy (2th), 25 Wesser, 100-16

Thursday's Gold Cup, was described yesterday as "perfectly all right" by a spokeswoman for Lambourn trainer Fulke Walwyn.

 Deltic broke the course record with an all-the-way victory on his hurdling debut in the first division of the Marston Novices' Hurdle at Wolverhampton

Milieu set to advertise Lincoln claim

The 1990 Irish Flat season begins today, St Patrick's Day, at Leopardstown, Limerick and Down Royal (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). Prevailing fast ground will complicate the task of Milieu, Dermot Weld's Lincoln can-didate, when he carries top-weight in the EBF Delmaine Stakes. The five-year-old is happier with some cut in the ground but he has always shown a liking for Leopardstown, where he is four times a course winner. Pirouette, trained by Tommy Stack, heads the opposition. First time out last season she won the Athasi Stakes at the

in the Irish 1,000 Guineas. Jim Dreaper has withdrawn Carvill's Hill from the Kilternan Handicap Chase. Nelson on target

Curragh but later disappointed

Poke The Fire (Serge Guillemin) gave Charlie Nelson his fourth victory at Cagnes-sur-Mer this season in the Prix de la Vesubie yesterday. William Hastings-Bass's Montpelier Lad (Yannick Georges) can round off the morrow, by winning the Prix



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BETTHER: 5-2 Babs, 7-2 Tug of Gold, 4-1 Nagraght Mass, 7-1 Aristos, 9-1 Captelo Ahab, 12-1 Tophard, 14-1 Khata Kang, 20-1 others. 1904: DIFFECT 6-11-10 T Morgan (7-4) J Edwards 6 ran



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Right to change use without planning consent

South Ribble Borough Council to land at Peel View, Drumacre Lane, Longton, The appellants were the local planning auat and Others Before Mr Justice Judge Dudgment March 13] The right to make a material

age of use without planning sion under section 23(9) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 was not respected to the use obtaining before the act of development leged in an enforcement notice to constitute breach of planning

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Mr Justice Judge so held in a escryed Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an appeal brought by South Ribble Borough Council to quash the decision of an spector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to vary an enforcement notice dated February 15, 1988 and served on Mr William Swires, owner of the site, and

Section 23 of the 1971 Act
provides: "(9) Where an
enforcement notice has been issued in respect of any dev-elopment of land, planning permission is not required for the use of that land for the purposes for which . . . it could lawfully home have used if that days have been used if that dev-ciopment had not been carried

Mr Andrew Gilbart for the bosough council; Mr Nigel Plenaing for the secretary of state; Mr Stephen Sauvain for Mr Swires.

MR JUSTICE JUDGE said the enforcement notice related

Ventouris v Mountain

Before Mr Justice Saville

[Judgment February 23]

of the Supreme Court.

Represented parties in a repre-

sentative action were not "party to the proceedings" within Order 15, rule 12(3) of the Rules

Legal professional privilege could be claimed for documents

which had been obtained by

solicitors to a party to actual or

contemplated litigation but which had not come into exis-

tence for the purpose of that

Mr Justice Saville so held in

the Queen's Bench Division, in

a judgment in open court after a

hearing in chambers, when refusing the application of the

onstantinos Ventouris, under

Order 24, rule 3, that the defendant, Trevor Rex Moun-

tain, sued on his own behalf and

on behalf of all other insurers

scribed to a marine war risks policy, provide a further and

better list of certain documents.

Mr Stephen Hofmeyr for the

plaintiff; Mr Andrew Popplewell of the defendant.

MR JUSTICE SAVILLE said

The first arose from the fact

that two points of general

that the defendant was sued in

representative proceedings as representing himself and all

other underwriters who sub-

scribed to the policy upon which

In re a Company (No 004247

An independent valuer was entitled to take account of an

offer to purchase shares in a

private company which was made the day after the date upon which the value of the shares was to be assessed by

Mr Justice Knox so held in the Chancery Division in proceedings between members

of the company who were parties to an agreement to purchase the shares.

Mr John Brisby and Mr Robert Miles for the purchaser,

Mr Jonathan Crow for the

MR JUSTICE KNOX said

that he had before him two

cross-petitions under section 459 of the Companies Act 1985,

which had been substantially compromised but there was an

outstanding issue, namely whether a letter received by the vendors after they had accepted

an offer from the purchaser was admissible before the indepen-

dent valuer. In that letter an offer was made by a non-

member of the company to purchase the shares in question

purchase the for £700,000.

Before Mr Justice Knox

[Judgment March 6]

d/or underwriters who sub-

Apostolos

were the local planning authority and the breach of planning control alleged was a material change in the use of the land without the grant of plan-The use from which the land

had been changed was mixed residential. forestry/agricultural, haulage and general dealing use. The use to which the land was being put was mixed residential, haulage, industrial sales and storage use. The steps required to remedy

the breach were to cease the use of the land for haulage, industrial sales and storage uses and remove from the land all items and equipment used in connection with those uses. The enforcement notice related to the whole planning unit

on the site. In the course of his decision letter, the inspector determined appeals by varying the enforcement notice. The effect was that the site should be divided into an eastern and a western half. On the eastern half the use of the land for hanlage, industrial sales and storage u should cease altogether and all items and equipment connected with such uses should be

On the western side such uses should also cease and items and equipment used in connection with such uses should be re-moved, save for the use of a haulage business with a minor use for trading in vehicles to the extent established by a previous

Represented parties are not

within discovery rule

the representative underwriter or the represented underwriters

o make discovery of documents

the latter but not the former.

which were or had been in the

It was clear that the court had

power to order a party to the proceedings to make discovery

of documents, but as far as

representative proceedings were

concerned, it was clear to his

Lordship from Order 15, rule

12(3) that represented persons

were not party to the proceed-ings within that rule. It followed

that his Lordship could not

make any order under Order 24.

rule 3 against the represented

underwriters since they were not

Nor could any order be made

against the defendant concern-

ing documents which were not

in his possession, custody or power since such documents

also fell outside the ambit of the

whether legal professional privi-lege could be claimed for docu-

ments which were not

previously in the possession,

custody or power of a party to actual or contemplated litiga-

tion and which had not come

into existence for the purposes of that litigation, but which had been obtained by the solicitors

If a party to actual or contem-

plated litigation had to disclose

such documents, then such disclosure would be calculated

to diminish or destroy the

The question was whether the tween solicitor and client and . Solicitors: Hill Taylor Dickin-

Independent valuer can take

account of late offer to buy

In re a Company (No 002708 the letter making that offer was . that was so only if one assumed admissible and contended, inter that value resided solely in

alia, that the date on which the valuation should be made was

the date it was made, and not

the date on which the sale

agreement was made, by accep-

tance of the previous offer, on February 21, 1990; but in any

event, under the general law, a valuer was entitled to have

regard to valuation evidence

such as comparables, as confir-matory evidence of the state of

affairs subsisting at the date on which the valuation fell to be

In his Lordship's judgment, the date at which the valuation

fell to be made was the date of

the letter of acceptance. February 21, 1990. The transaction

was one which fell within the

principles in Sudbrook Trading Lid v Eggleton ([1983] I AC 444,

ferred to a line of cases starting with Bullfa and Merthyr Dare Steam Collieries (1891) Ltd v

Pontypridd Waterworks Co [1903] AC 426) and ending with Sagama NV v Penny Le Roy Ltd ((1983) 269 EG 322), a

case which concerned the prob

lem of post-valuation comparables.

Mr Brisby had argued that a later offer was similar to a

change in the market price and was not a guide to the value as at

or £700,000. The valuation date. Solicitors: Dallas Brett, Ox-The vendors submitted that It seemed to his Lordship that ford; Theodore Goddard.

His Lordship had been re-

confidential reletionship

court had power to order either gravely hamper proper and son; Ince & Co.

of that party for that purpose.

party to the proceedings.

From the decision it followed that the western half of the site could be used for a haulage business with a minor use for trading in vehicles. That conclusion was at the heart of the

present anneal In the course if his decision letter, the inspector referred to the principle in Mansi v Elstrei the relevant act of development Rural District Council ((1964) 62 LGR 172). That principle was well established and had of use was an act of dev-clopment itself requiring plan-

been repeatedly recognized. The basic argument for the appellants was that the decision in Mansi was wrong or had been misunderstood. Its application since 1964 represented an inappropriate departure from the statutory framework laid down

by the 1971 Act.
Decisions of the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords emonstrated the error and the Mansi principle should be regarded as overruled at any rate in so far as it was applied to *established use** immunities. Its application was limited to uses which existed before the appointed day", July 1, 1948.
The decisions in LTSS Print and Supply Services v Hackney Borough Council ([1976] 1 QB 663), Young v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1983] 2 AC 662), Thrasyvoulou v Sec AC 662), Thrasyvoulou v Secretary of State for the Environment ([1990] 2 WLR 1) and Cynon Valley Borough Council v Secretary of State for Wales ((1986) 53 P & C R 68) were fundamental to the appellants' submission that the Mansi prin-

effective preparations for trial by the solicitors. Indeed, it

might otherwise be dangerous, if not impossible to employ a

The privilege was an excep-tion to the general rule that a party to litigation should dis-close all documents that were or

had been in his possession,

fell within the general rule was because they had been obtained

by solicitors for the purposes of the litigation, and if the disclo-

sure of such documents would

be likely to undermine the

public interest in preserving the

confidence between solicitor and client, his Lordship could

between documents that had

and those that had not been

brought into existence for the

His Lordship said that

might be suggested that if the privilege extended to original documents (as opposed to

copies) obtained by solicitors for

the purposes of litigation, a

ready means presented itself for

obtaining and then suppressing material adverse evidence. That

Solicitors who obtained docu-

ments for the purpose of suppressing them would not be

acting in the course of giving necessary legal advice and assis-tance, but in breach of their duties as officers of the court.

Thus no privilege would attach

that value resided solely in

existing transactions and offers.

That was not a necessary

What was being sought was the value of a parcel of shares. Value was what a purchaser

Evidence of an offer made one

day after the valuation date seemed, potentially, to be evidence of the existence of a bidder on the valuation date, who was just plucking up his courage to bid what he did in fact bid the next day.

His Lordship used the word "potentially" because an offer

as only an offer, all the more so

because it was subject to con-tract. His Lordship was not concerned with those consid-

erations for which a valuer could and should make such

If it were shown that the offer

consider that the valuer should be required to ignore it

was not so.

see no reason for distinguis

purpose of the litigation.

If the reason why documents

solicitor at all.

custody or power.

Government and Planning (Amendment) Act 1981. The facts in Mansi were that land was used as a plant nursery. There were a number of glass houses, one of which was used ciple had been substantially

not be resumed if the use before

was itself unlawful. Such change

ning permission.
The decision in Mansi was

not referred to in any of the

judgments or speeches. There

was a note in Young that Mansi

was cited in argument. It

when Mansi was cited it was at

best a fleeting reference. Beyond

that rather vague reference

Mansi did not appear to have

been cited in any of those cases.

based on the terms of section 46

of the Town and Country

Planning Act 1962. That re-

quired the minister, inter alia, in

an appropriate case to vary the

in favour of the appellant. The

equivalent statutory provisions in section 45 and 46 of the 1962

Act were to be found in sections

87, 88, 88A and 88B of the 1971 Act, as substituted by the Local

The decision in Mansi was

right to make a material change of use without planning per-mission under section 23(9) of The enforcement notice alleged that the glass house had changed from use for agri-cultural purposes to use for the the 1971 Act was restricted to the use obtaining before the act sale of goods and required its discontinuation.

The court found that the enforcement notice to constitute breach of planning control.

An earlier lawful use might

appellant occupier was entitled to continue the user as it was in 1959 and might also have a right to intensify that user provided he did not thereby occasion a material change in use.

Despite the fact that the fansi principle was not expressly considered in LTSS, Young, Thrasyvoulou and Cynon Valley and that sections 87, 88 and 94 were not immediately relevant, his Lordship would be bound by those decisions if their effect was to overrule the Mansi orinciple. However, it would be unfortunate if a single judge were obliged to cast doubt on a principle first stated some 25 years ago, followed consistently since then and standing un-challenged until the present appeal. The effect would be to

sion in an area of law now long regarded as clear and settled. His Lordship's conclusion was that the principle in Mansi had not been affected by those decisions. There was no in-consistency or difficulty with the Mansi principle nor with reconciling it with the statutory visions in section 23(9) of the 1971 Act.

create uncertainty and confu-

Solicitors: Mr A. Kitchen, Leyland; Treasury Solicitor; Marland Quigley, Preston.

Purchasers obtain title free from charging order

Howell v Montey Before Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment March 7]

Although registration of the purchasers' title to a house which was registered land took effect subject to a charging order nisi upon the house, the purchasers, having bought the house when notice of the charging order had not been reg-istered against the title, obtained a title free from the charging

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Ian Geoffrey Howell, from the discharge by Judge Main at Guildford County Court of a charging order absolute upon a freehold house at 42 Veryan, St John's, Woking, formerly the property of the defendants, Mr Gary Montey and Mrs Deborah Montey, but now belonging to the purchasers, Ms Nicola en Murray and Mr Chris-

Mr Jonathan Brock for Mr Howell; Mr J. Stephen Whitaker for the purchasers.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that on July 9, 1986 the plaintiff recovered judgment against the defendants in Guildford County Court in the sum of £2,173. The defendants owned the freehold house and on August 3, 1987 the order nisi upon the house for

On August 12, 1987 the defendants entered into a con-tract for the sale of the house to the purchasers. On August 17, 1987 the purchasers obtained from the Land Registry a certificate of search which gave priority until September 29, 1987. The sale of the house was completed on September 4, 1987.

On September 16, the plaintiff made an application to the Land Registry to register notice of the charging order against the title

On September 29, the priority period conferred by the certifi-cate of search expired without the purchasers having applied to register their title to the house. The result was that the registra-tion, when it was effected, took effect subject to the charging order nisi, which was made absolute on December 16, 1987.

On the purchasers' applica-tion, the registrar discharged the charging order. The judge dis-

missed the plaintiff's appeal against the registrar's decision. The power to discharge was

given by section 3(5) of the Charging Orders Act 1979 which was expressed in wide terms: "The court by which a charging order was made may at any time ... make an order discharging or varying the charging order."

In the case of registered land, if the prospective purchaser made a search before completion and the charging order was not then registered, he would obtain a title free from the charging order if he made his application for registration of the title before his priority period expired.

The priority obtained by the plaintiff in the present case was just luck because of the delay in registration of the title.

The consequence of the making of the charging order ab-solute was that a charging order was made upon property in which the judgment debtors had, at the date of that order, no beneficial interest.

The fact that the order absolute was imposed upon the property of a bona fide purnotice of the charge was be a material consideration in deciding whether it would be just to discharge the order absolute. It seemed to his Lordship that

plaintiff obtained a charging the order absolute should not have been made. Looking at all the circumstances of the case, it seemed to him that the balance of the equities came down decisively on the side of the Durchasers.

It was true that the purchasers might, if the charge was binding upon them, have a cause of action against the defendants (on the covenants for title) or against their solicitors (for negligence in not registering the title

Those considerations were not relevant. The puchasers were entitled to take such action as thought appropriate for the protection of their interests. They chose to apply to discharge the charging order. The plaintiff could not complain that they could have done something else. The judge reached the right conclusion and, in the exercise of his discretion, properly dis-

Lord Justice Stocker agreed. Solicitors: Mort Kirtley & Ogden, Woking; Barton Hanning & Francis, Woking.

charged the order absolute.

Ratepayer's error renders application to remove property from list invalid

Another, Ex parte Anglian Water Authority

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Jusnice Butler-Sloss [Judgment March 12]

A fundamental error made by a ratepayer on a proposal form to have a property expunged from the local valuation list invalidated his application. Correction of the error by a valuation officer on receipt of the form did not make good that application. The Court of Appeal so held

in allowing an appeal by East Northamptonshire District Council in proceedings for ju-dicial review from a judgment of Mr Justice Popplewell in March 1989 that had held that the proposal by the ratepayer, the Anglian Water Authority, applying to amend the valuation list the deletion from it of Broadholme Sewage Treatment Works was valid.

Mr Jeremy Sullivan, QC and Mr Peter Village for the district council: Mr William Glover, QC and Mr Richard Glover for the water authority; the valuation court did not appear. JUSTICE

LORD NICHOLLS said that the appeal arose from a clerical error made potentially a costly error - some three quarters of a million pounds hung on the outcome of

The water autority operated many sewage treatment works. In March 1985 it had served on the local valuation officer on the rescribed forms proposals for 40 such works to be expunsed ground that the value of those ereditaments was deemed to be reflected in the authority's over-

named and gave the address of "Rushden Sewage Treatment Works". However in 1006 the 1967 Act One of the proposal forms — the disputed proposal form were no such works. They had ceased to function in 1982. But half a mile away and in the same rating area, the water authority did have another and separate SCWARC works called ihoime.

Clearly there had been an error in the water authority's offices: among the 40 forms completed, no proposal form

Regins v Northamptonshire at the foot of the form in the space set aside for use by the valuation officer only, the name and address of the Broadholme works had been entered. Presumably those particulars had been completed by the valuation officer or a member of

his staff In due course the water authority received notification that the valuation officer obiccted to the disputed proposal and thus the matter had been referred to the valuation court In March 1988 that court decided that the proposal form was invalid and that Broadholme could not thereunder be expunged from the valuation list: the information. it held, was not sufficient to enable Broadholme to be identified as the subject of the

Mr Justice Popplewell quashed that decision, declaring the disputed form to be good and valid in relation to

Broadholme.

By section 69(1) of the General Rate Act 1967 any "aggrieved person" could make a proposal for the valuation list to be altered in respect of s tion 69(5) every such proposal had to be in writing, to specify the grounds on which the proposed alteration was supported and to comply with the Valua-tion Lists (Proposals for Alteration) Regulations (SI 1974 No

Regulation 3 required a pro-posal to be in specified form or "substantially to the like effect". By section 70 of the 1967 Act copies of the proposal had to be served by the valuation officer on certain persons.

As could be expected, the egislature was contemplating that the proposal form would contain a description of the

R v Winchester Area Assessment Committee ([1948] 2 KB 455). It was clear from that decision. and was common ground, that the only question that arose was whether the disputed form had sufficiently identified Broadholme as being the subject matter of the water authority's

It was to be noted that the "valuation officer's box" on the It was known that when the form was not part of the "Rushden" proposal form was proposal. Nor was there any proposal: Any Amendme made in the box were not part of the proposal

With the exception of any changes on the form that ware authorized by the proposer, a completed form was either an effective proposal when it was served of it was not

Mr Glover submitted that if a proposer made an error on the form as to the hereditament to which it related and the value tion officer who made the correction understood the hereditament to which it should have made reference, the form was valid even if others conwhich hereditament was being referred to.

That submission was unacceptable. There was no sup-port for such a qualified objective test to be found in Winchester. The true position was that the question of the adequacy of identification of the subject hereditatment had to be determined according to the ordinary principles of

How would the proposal form be understood by those on whom it was served? Common sense had to be applied and any special or local knowing po-culiar to the valuation officer or his staff would not normally be

The valuation court had addressed itself correctly and had answered "No" to the question whether the disputed form gave sufficient identification of the

The valuation officer when first looking at the form would have appreciated that something was wrong - there were no sewage works at Rushton. But where did that lead to when considering whether Broadholme had been sufficiently identified?

When the water authority filled in the form it should have made its proposal not for Rushton but for other sewage works with a different name and address. It had slipped up as we all do from time to time. It was clear that the name and the address on the form was not sufficent to identi Broadholme as the beredi

Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Butler Sloss agreed. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard

Confessions obtained in absence of solicitor cause court concern

his arrest and after two inter-

Regina v Moss Before Lord Justice Taylor, Mr Justice Mars-Jones and Mr Jus-

[Judgment March 9]

Confessions obtained during a series of interviews at which no solicitor was present from a man who was just above the who had been held in custody for nine days, should not have been allowed to go to the jury and were insufficient basis for a

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held in allow-ing an appeal by Frank Moss against his conviction at Chester Crown Court (Mr Justice Alliot and a jury) on a count of indecent assault on a girl aged five or six and three counts of indecent assault on males under 16 years of age. The appellant was sentenced to five years

imprisonment. Mr Eric Somerset Jones, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Guy Gozen, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Maurice Kay, QC, for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that the only evidence against the appellant was his confession. There was no corroboration.

The appellant was held in custody for nine days after his arrest and interviewed nine times. He had asked to see a solicitor within seven hours of to be noted that the crucial

views. The request was refused and a block was put on his having legal representation for On the second day at the fifth

interview, when the appellant was still without legal representation, he made the first admission and was charged. He id not been asked whether i was content to be interviewed without a solicitor present. The appellant was then allowed access to a solicitor.

However, the same solicitor was also acting for the appellant's coaccused and had to withdraw within 24 hours due to a conflict of interest. The crucial interview at

which the appellant made the main admissions was the eighth and took place when the appellant had been in custody for six days and was still without a

The had judge ruled that the block on legal representation for the first 36 hours was a breach of section 58 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. He excluded the ninth interview but ruled that the rest could go

The appeal was based upon section 76(2) of the 1984 Act, which put the burden of proof on the crown to exclude the possibility that a confession might be unreliable, and under section 78, which provided the exclusion of unfair evidence. appellant had not been asked whether he wanted a solicitor. In evidence he had said that he went ahead with the interview because he felt he could not

wait for a solicitor. That was the

sort of answer to be expected from a mentally handicapped It was disturbing that within the interview evidence itself there was scope for wondering

appeared to be unequivocal swere indeed so when coming from a man of limited The prosecution relied on section 77 which clearly contemplated a situation where a case turned on a confession by

a mentally handicapped person who had been without a legal adviser. However, section 77 simply

dealt with a confession which might well have been obtained in the course of one interview during a short period of custody. That was clearly distinguishs from the instant case.

Each member of the court felt troubled about the confession evidence having gone to the jury. Each member of the court ved the verdict was unsafe and unsatisfactory if left to stand. Where there was such unanimity of impression the proper course was to allow the

Solicitors: CPS, Chester.

Guidance on new procedure relating to appeal applications

was not genuine no doubt it would fall to be wholly ignored, Before Lord Donaldson of but on the question whether it Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord should be regarded as inadmissible, because it was a post-valuation event, his Lordship, Justice Woolf [Judgment March 8] taking perhaps a realist rather than a purist view, did not

R. G. Carter Ltd v Clarke

The Court of Appeal gave

guidance on the new procedure introduced from October 1, 1989 by the substituted Order 59, rule 14(2) in The Supreme Court Practice 1988 Fifth Cumulative Supplement relating to applications made to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal.

The Court of Appeal gramed an application by the defendant, David Clarke, for an inter parter

review of the order made ex parte by Lord Justice Stuart-Smith granting the plaintiffs, R. G. Carter Ltd, leave to appeal from the decision of Mr Justice McCullough who had affirmed the district registrar's decision granting the defendant unconditional leave to defend on the plaintiffs' application for summary judgment under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Сошть

The Court of Appeal set aside the ex parte order made by Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and refused the plaintiffs leave to appeal Order 59, rule 14, aș sub-

stituted, provides:

"(2) An application to the
Court of Appeal for leave to
appeal shall —(a) include, where necessary, any application to extend time for appealing and (b) be made ex parte in writing setting out the reasons why leave should be granted and, if the time for appealing has expired, the reasons why the application was not made within that time, and the court the standard letter sent to him or is not necessary for the note of

either ex parte or inter partes.

court, the applicant shall be entitled, within seven days after he has been given notice of the refusal, to renew his application; such renewal application shall be made ex parte in open court.

(2B) If an application under paragraph (2) is granted other-wise than after a hearing inter-partes, notice of the order shall be served on the party or parties affected by the appeal and any such party shall be entitled, within seven days after service of the notice, to apply to have the grant of leave reconsidered *inter partes* in open court.

defendant; Mr Derrick Turriff for the plaintiffs.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in the ordinary

saving time and expense. The new rules provided for consideration of applications for leave to appeal on the basis of written material and without an oral hearing. Apart from the application

judgment; or, if there was no shorthand note or tape recording, a typed copy of the note of judgment taken by the applicant's counsel or solicitor. (If the applicant appeared in per-son in the court below the counsel or solicitor who appeared for the respondent in the court below must provide

appealing was required, there was also to be a written explana-tion for the delay.

be required before they could be

So far as the larger groups were concerned it was inherrefusing leave to appeal.

the point at issue.

It was therefore provided that such orders would, in effect, be

pressed a firm view, it was preferable, and it was so arranged administratively, that the reconsideration would be by a different Lord Justice.

He would rightly be made aware of the initial decision and the reasons for it, but it would be for him to reach his own decision on the materials before him which would be different to the extent that there would have been brief oral argument.

With regard to the small group of applications where, having considered the written applications, the Lord Justice thought oral argument was necessary or of assistance or that further information was required, it was open to him to adjourn the application into open court and ask for such argument or information either on an ex parte or an inter partes

Since, by definition, no furn decision would have been reached, the further hearing would normally be before the Lord Justice who initially considered the written applica tion. His decision would be final and not subject to appeal.

His Lordship thought that the new procedure should result in considerable savings in rime and costs to all concerned, at least if the parties gave due weight to the initial decision of the written application and the inherent unlikelihood that it would be changed on reconsideration. If they did not and unnecessarily incurred farther costs, they had no one but

As the Lord Justice who considered the original application would already have ex-

themselves to blame.

Removing delays in getting masters' appointments Listing Statement (Queen's what was presently known as the Beach non-jury list and indee "Judge in Chambers Appeals made.

Bench non-jury list and judge in chambers' lists)

To help remove delays in getting masters' appointments, caused by a huge increase in their work and a shortage of them, masters' summonses might be transsummonses might be transferred to be dealt with by a judge in chambers under Order 32, rule 12 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Mr Justice Drake said in the Queen's Bench Division on March 9. HIS LORDSHIP said that

there were delays in getting masters' appointments which had arisen because of a huge increase in the volume of the masters' work coupled with a shortage of masters for various To help remove such delays a number of masters' summonses

might be transferred to be dealt

with by a judge in chambers under Order 32, rule 12 of the

Those would be added to

Rules of the Supreme Court.

List" which would in future be known as the "Judge in Cham-bers List".

Those matters would then very speedily be warned and thereafter might be put in *The* Daily Cause List either before a named judge or as "floaters". Where possible, the Clerk of the Lists would accept dates offered by the parties by barristers' clerks or by solicitors as at present. However, it would not always be possible to accept offered dates and the parties had to be ready for a hearing of a transferred masters' summons at very short notice.

judge in chambers. after being set down or entered for appeal to the judge in

Where parties already had a return date for a master's sum-mons more than four weeks ahead and where the hearing was estimated to last two hours or more, thay might apply to the master to be transferred to the judge in chambers list provided they might be ordered personall parties consented ally to bear the costs of the The master would then decide

Judge in chambers and non-jury There were now virtually no delays in listing matters for trial

That applied both to actions set down in the Queen's Bench Division non-jury list and to appeals from the masters to the A considerable number of applications to delay hearing dates were based solely on the surprise of the parties that matters were listed so quickly

All parties ought by now to be aware of the state of the lists and applications to stand out of the list would not be granted save on very cogent grounds. If applications were made solely because solicitors were unaware of the state of the lists

"(2A) If an application under paragraph (2) is refused other-wise than after a hearing in open

Mr Mark Raeside for the

course of events, a reconsider ation of the grant of leave would have been by a single Lord Justice. His Lordship, however, had referred the defendant's application to the full court so at guidance could be given on the working of the new rule. The new system was aimed at

itself the written material would consist of documents submitted to the court by the applicant in compliance with the terms of

may grant or refuse the application or direct that the application be renewed in open court such as the submitted to the subm acknowledgement of receipt of the application. So far as presently relevant

that letter provided: "In every case a complete bound set of the relevant documents, with each page num-bered, together with an index at the front giving the page references for each document, must be lodged in [the Civil Appeals Office] by [a specified

date). The documents must include

"(1) Copies of (a) the ap-

plicant's summons or notice of ex parte application (b) the applicant's sworn affidavit and exhibit[s] (c) a copy of the notice of appeal or draft notice of ppeal (if this is not exhibited to that affidavit) (d) the order of the court below appealed from (e) any order of the court below refusing the relief now sought from the Court of Appeal (if different from (d)) (f) the writ or other originating process and the pleadings and (g) such documents as were in evidence in the court below and are relevant to the application and (2) If the judgment of the

court below was taken down in shorthand or recorded on tape, official transcript of the his/her note of the judgment; for the purposes of an application it If an extension of time for

Experience suggested that Lord Justices would be able on such material to divide applications into two large groups, consisting of applications which plainly ought to succeed or to fail, and a much smaller group, consisting of applications about which there was doubt and in which oral argument and pos-sibly more information would

ently unlikely that oral argument would cause the Lord Justice to change his mind. They were composed, by definition, of plain cases. The rule therefore provided that he could at once make an order granting or However, safeguards had to be built in to take care of the

exceptional case where, for example, the transcript or note of judgment did not fully reveal

orders nisi, the disappointed applicant (where leave was re-fused) or the disappointed respondent (where leave was granted) having the right to require the decision to be reconsidered ex parte (in the case of the applicant) or inter-partes (in the case of the respondent), in either case at their own risk as to costs.

George Hill

ponders some

Soviet mysteries,

from icons to

head-gear

down, history is more important than holidays. It was disappointing more than that, it was infuriating - to arrive in Moscow and find Red Square, the Kremlin and St Basil's Cathedral closed to visitors. Crash barriers snaked across the vast expanse of frosty cobblestones, and friendly but firm police turned us all away.

We had been unlucky enough to arrive just at the time of a meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies. The Soviet Union's path to pluralism and a market economy was being stormily beaten out by the 2,250 elected deputies in the precincts which are Russia's equivalent of the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Parliament and Downing Street, all rolled into one. The great fortress was closed, except for the specialist displays in the Armoury, which could be seen by prior appointment, by the few prepared to face a

stiff extra charge of £20 a head.

It was impossible to begrudge the deputies their seat of government, and it was thrilling to feel so close to the reworking of the empire's destiny. What was startling was the fact that when we arrived in Moscow the night before, our guides had assured us confidently that our scheduled visit to the Kremlin was still on.

Unlike our own Parliament, the Soviet Union's unwieldy ruling body meets for only about 20 days a year. Last year there were spring and winter sessions. In addition to this week's historic two-day emergency session, a newly-elected Congress is expected to meet in October this year. The Kremlin (which is always closed on Thursdays in any case) was also closed for a period in October last year. Intourist's office in London recently had no more inkling of this year's expected dates of closure than our own guides had about the

closure which happened next day. Closure is a vexation not only to tourists who may be making the only visit of their lives to MOscow, but also to ordinary Muscovites. The side-streets around-Red Square were thronged with disgruntled citizens forced to and visibly reflecting that if this was democracy, there was a price

_ to pay for it. Scap-box orators, all excessively had-tempered, had set up their pitches on the crusted ice, as if to take advantage of the irritation of passers-by. They cast black looks at obvious foreigners like ourselves, and I should guess that their feelings about political change were not warm. But scarcely anyone stopped to listen to them. The flower-stalls nearby were doing much better business. Cut flowers are a staple commodity for the Russians. I wonder bether outsiders have any hope of ever grasping the priorities of a nation which can ensure plentiful supplies of carnations in midwinter, but cannot guarantee a

sufficiency of milk and bread. The place is still altogether an



Shopping in the snow at a Moscow street stall: "a subtle vocabulary of status and display has developed . . . among the drab uniformity of the crowds in the street, the sharp eye may discern that hats speak volumes"

entertainment and profound socio-economic study in its oddities. Our tickets for the ballet had clearly gone through intensive use as paper currency, passing from hand to hand until they were on the point of disintegration. In the crowded foyer of the Bolshoi, Russians looked at them wilting in our hands so hungrily that we were

What on earth impels Russians to stand outdoors in the deep frost, meditatively eating ice cream, of all things? And what is the secret language of the fur hat? Perhaps because the rouble is not trusted to hold its value as well as Arctic fox-fur, a subtle vocabulary of status and display has developed in the diversities of headgear, male as well as female. Among the drab uniformity of the crowds in the street, the sharp eye may discern that hats speak volumes. Whatever western campaigners may say, a fur hat can impart a barbaric majesty to the dumpiest Muscovite, and transmit outrageous hints of sensuality from women wrapped up like bolsters against the penetration of 20

exrees below zero. Seeing Russia in transformation was far too interesting for us to feel seriously downbearted over missing the Kremlin. But in practical terms, our story is one that others planning a visit at this time might bear in mind, if only as a warning to expect a certain unpredictability about things. It is an example of a typical intermittent vagueness in the operations of Soviet bureaucracy.

Some things happen with doner must feel like creeping under a flagstone if he compares the functioning of the escalators in the underground systems of Moscow and London). But some things blow out of the in-tray, and

One of the things I had been the Tretvakov.

are lost to view for years on end. Take the Tretyakov Gallery.

looking forward to seeing was the icons. To see examples of the great Russian medieval tradition of icon-painting, you have to come to Russia: there is nowhere else. In Moscow itself, there are two unsurpassed collections. One is in the Kremlin churches, the other at

For the Kremlin, see above. For the Tretyakov, see the next century, perhaps. Six years ago, its 19th-century buildings were closed for extension and renovation. It is anybody's guess when they may reopen. One might

expect that a gallery housing the equivalent of the nation's Turners would arrange to have its major exhibits put on temporary display elsewhere, when planning a long-term clo-SUTÈ. vious temporary gallery exists the huge, ultramodern and apparently halfempty State Pic-

kov are indeed on show there - post-1917 paintings, including exciting work from the early years of the Revolution, but rather a mixed bag overall. Not a ghost of an icon.

ture Gallery,

opposite the

skating rink at

Gorky Park.

from the Tretva-

pictures

Some

What was baffling to us, and therefore intriguing, was not only the administrative fog which had allowed some of the country's greatest treasures simply to drop out of sight, but also the attitude of



Magic: the Novodevichy Convent able. The ques-

were as they were, and the question whether they might be arranged better, did not engage their interest. It was destiny, and there was no more to be said.

tion why things

We mentioned a third major icon collection, in the Andronikov Monastery, where Andrei Rublev worked and is buried. A faraway look came into the beautiful eyes of the lady from Intourist. "Prob-

she murmured. "But there are the French Impressionists at the Pushkin Museum . . . I tell the story not to carp, but to convey a sensation which may be

recognizable to most who have visited the USSR - the sense of coming into contact with a vast and unwieldy entity, which is infuriating and at the same time curiously endearing. The things one might expect to go smoothly are the very things that will probably go adrift. The things that turn out to be most rewarding are exactly those which come haphazardly and unexpectedly. Perhaps this is a transitional characteristic of a society finding its footing in a new world. Or perhaps it is a trait which is

To fill what should have been our Kremlin morning, our party was taken to the Novodevichy Convent, on the edge of Moscow. No grambles about that. With its white-painted battlements and open-work brick turrets, protecting a tall bell-tower and a tov cathedral with clustered gilded cupolas, the convent is one of the most felicitous groups of buildings in the world. On a sparkling morning after a fall of new snow, with frost powdering the gilded

pinnacles, it is a magic place, a winter Taj Mahal.

Used by the tsars as a sort of holy oubliette for unruly royal dowagers, it has tales in its past which rival anything the Tower of London can offer for luridness. Furthermore, we found a fine show of icons there - not of the best vintage, but excellently displayed - and as an unexpected bonus, an exhibition of the patterned tiles which covered the giant stoves that used to warm traditional Russian homes.

For generations of children, the stove must have been picturebook, primer, wallpaper and comforter, and as much a stimulus to the imagination as any television. It was easy to imagine the storytelling that must have gone on in its warmth on a long winter's night. If we had seen the Kremlin, we would never have had any idea.

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enigma. There is room for endless Jill Sherman limbers up for a week in the Savoie, and discovers the worst skiing weather for 20 years

oing pelvic thrusts while standing in three feet of snow on the side of a mountain during a raging blizzerd is not generally my idea of fun. But after a while I almost enjoyed these stead. With plans for a ski bizarre early-morning work- mountaineering course next outs in full view of the skiing fraternity in Les Arcs.

"Arms up ... breathe in and stretch." Chalky White's voice boomed out of the tainside as visibility closed in further and snow melted down our necks.

The daily 10-minute warmup, skis off, boots on, is a prerequisite of any of the courses run by Chalky White the small hamlet of Le Pre, and Martin Rowe under the above Villaroger, in the heart banner of Optimum Ski of the Savoic. Barely 100 yards

it is one of a handful of specialist British companies running chalet holidays and providing the instruction sity according to ability. At themselves - which the French authorities, after two bad seasons, are keen to get rid made next year to match of But the pair seem confident skiers. that good relations with the

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gingerly on gentle slopes but

The courses vary in intenare supposed to end up being able to tackle most things in the moment this is a bit of a most places. Advanced skiers lottery, but more effort is to be cover more miles, diving off into powder snow to develop off-piste technique. Eight is

Intermediate skiers start

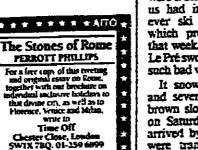
away, a chair-lift joins up with

the huge skiing concourse of

Les Arcs



Funny walks: a warming-up session precedes the day's skiing



the maximum in any group,

and beginners are vetoed. In my case - a fair-weather and cautious skier - my plateau was somewhere around a medium-ish red slope in good conditions. A narrow, icy or steep piste filled me with terror.

Others on the basic course were a bit braver, but none of us had imagined we would ever ski in the conditions which presented themselves that week. The inhabitants of Le Pré swore they had not seen such bad weather for 20 years.

It snowed for seven days and seven nights. The tired I could balance on steepish brown slopes that greeted us slopes, but oddly tended to on Saturday morning as we collapse in a heap where it was arrived by train from Calais were transformed overnight by a metre of snow, with another two metres over the next three days.

cry from instructors and skiers slopes and bumps. We barely

alike as the first chunky snowflakes fell. But by Wedavalanche risks, the whines for video sessions. better weather became des-

All credit, then, to Chalky Chalet Tarentaise that spirits remained high throughout the offered by their wives, Linda Despite the pea-soup con-

ditions, they did get us out on to the slopes on all but two warmest gear with promises of spiked hot chocolate at 11.30. The 9am press-ups over,

Martin patiently and expertly us less-experienced people through the blizzards and the four main elements of pressure control and edge

said than done. Ankles flex, feet steer and pelvises are balance, argues Rowe, the rest yelled: "Whoopee!" follows. By the end of the weel

To be fair, we did not get through the whole course because of the weather, and technique was often cast aside "Whoopee," was the first in efforts to negotiate invisible

Fun for none but the brave started on "pressure" and never made "edge control". Normally both groups get a Alpine guide, Christian Bougnaud. In our week, both days nesday, when we were unable were cancelled because of to venture out at all because of avalanche threats, as were the

> On one morning, forced indoors, we appropriately had a talk on avalanche conditions and off-piste skiing. Aided by and Martin and the staff at a rather alarming video, we were told where not to ski and what to do if caught in an week. This was partly due to avalanche. "If you spit and it their own good humour and dribbles down your nose partly to the excellent food you're the wrong way up," said Chalky, helpfully. "Don't bother to shout if you hear someone, because they won't

hear you . . . and don't panic." The other 15 people on the mornings, togged up in our course - many on their second or third visit - made what could have been a frustrating week enormous fun, mainly because they all mucked in and got on surprisingly well.

I left on the first day of the best week of the season. But skiing - balance, steering, that one day of sun, revealing mile upon mile of royal-iced peaks, with Mont Bianc hold-Skis a little apart, arms wide ing court in the distance, was apart in front and the whole more than enough to bury body thrown forward: easier sneaking thoughts of hanging up my ski-boots.

Arms out wide, body flung thrust somewhere. Knees are sort of forward, I turned with never mentioned. If you can my feet, stayed upright and

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ROTTERDAM POP FESTIVAL: A one-off megaevent to celebrate Rotterdam's 650th anniversary. Thirty days of pop in a specialty built city on the Maasviakte peninsula. World Wide Fund for Nature collaborate in theme of Bring Nature Back to the

Aug 1-31: Carthago 90, PO Box 63023, 3002 JA Rotterdam (010 31 10 4780400) or Netherlands Board of Tourism, 25-28 Buckingham Gate, London SW1 6LD (01-630 0451).

BREGENZ FESTIVAL Opera on the floating stage on the Bodensee, backed by the mountains of the the mountains of the Vorariberg. New production of La Wally with Mara Zampieri, and revival of David Pountney's Flying Dutchman on the lake. July 20-Aug 22: Bregenzer Festspiele, Postfach 311, A-6901 Bregenz. (010 43 5574 22811-0). Henebery departs Aug 1-7 at £520 for half-board, two operas and a board, two operas and a concert. Prospect offers two five-night trips departing July 26 and Aug 2, from £605 for B&B and two operas. JMB offers a wide range of trips, escorted and unescorted from £366-£449. Brompton goes from July 27-31 at £399 for B&B, two operas, one

SALZBURG FESTIVAL: Opera, oratoria, concerts recitals and theatre: new production of Idomeneo, revivals of Un bella, Fidelio, Don Giovanni, Cosi and

Capriccio.
July 26-Aug 31: Salzburger
Festspiele, Postfach 140, A5010 Salzburg (010 43 662
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25-31 at £415 for halfboard. JMB offers flexible

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Aug 15-Sept & Via Rossini 37, I-61100 Pesaro (010 39 721 697360). Lirica offers seven nights from Aug 7 at £498 for

e Zoralde and La scala di

accomodation and tickets. JMB offers a wide range of trips from £259-£990. TORRE DEL LAGO: Puccini Festival on the composer's own island. This year Madama Butterfly with Watanabe and Tosca with

Plowright.
July 23-Aug 17: Lirica
offers three or seven-night
trips from £348-£762 for accommodation and tickets. JMB offers a variety of trips from £236-£599. **BRUGES EARLY MUSIC** FESTIVAL: Evening concerts this year present an anthology of the European Latin World, with Monteverd's 1640 Vespers.

Lunchtimes are devoted to the age of the troubadours. July 28-Aug 11: Tourist Office, Burg 11, B-8000 Bruges (010 50 448686). HELSINKI FESTIVAL: Chamber music, jazz and dance in the Kaivopuisto Park. This year's theme is Finland, with new works by

Aho, Lindberg, Nordgren and Tiensuu. Aug 2-Sept 9: Unionkatu 28, 00100 Helsinki (010 358 10 SANTANDER FESTIVAL:

Historic buildings of Calabria provide the setting for concerts, ballet and street theatre. This year Aida, Die Walkure, Orleo ed Euridice, and the complets organ music of Franck, July 2-Sept 10: Oficina del Fastival, Calvo-Sotelo 15-5, E-39002 Santander (010 34 42 314819).

LUCERNE FESTIVAL OF MUSIC: Wide-ranging programme from Lieder to ectronic music includes visits from Thomas Hampson. Marjana Lipvosek and Andras Schiff, Aug 15-Sept 8: Hirschmattstrasse 13, CH-6002 Lucerne (010 41

SEPTEMBER

BRNO MUSIC FESTIVAL: Concerts and opera in the cultural capital of South Moravia centre on the Janaček Theatre, and feature music by Janaček, Martinu and Late Sept-early Oct: Cedok offers a week's tour departing Sept 27 at £399 including

tickets and two nights in

Prague. Henebery offers a similar deal.



Clowning around: entertainment as performed on the streets of Salzburg during the famous music festival in July and August

WARSAW FESTIVAL OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: Composers and performers from a wide variety of countries meet to make music from all periods from the classical to the avant-

garde. Sept 14-23: Warsaw Autumn, Rynek Starego 27, PL-00272 Warsaw (010 48) 22 310607). WROCLAW ORATORIO AND CANTATA FESTIVAL: Oratorio, choral concerts and chamber music, with performances from the Dresden Phil, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Peter Schreier and the Kings

Singers. Sept 2-15: Wratislavia

Cantans, Rynek-Ratusz 24, PL-50101 (010 48 71

CASTIGLIONCHIO MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL: Schnittke has offered to write a work for this festival, high in the Tuscan hills, with its concerts, rehearsals and master classes. Arts exhibitions and visits to vinevards included. Sept 1-15: Chamber Music Holidays, 57 Chatsworth Road, Bournemouth (0202

AARHUS FESTIVAL: Denmark's most comprehensive programme of concerts, sport, theatre, exhibitions, with more than 2,000 events in the Viking

harbour town on the Kattegat coast. Sept 1-9: The Concert Hall, Thomas Jensens Alie, DK-8000 Aarhus C (010 45 86

INTERNATIONAL **BRUCKNER FESTIVAL, LINZ:** Bruckner symphonies by the Danube, with a concert performance of *Tristan und* colde and an open air Bruckner brass day. Sept 15-Oct 6: Brucknerhaus, Untere Donaulande 7, Postfach 57, A-4010 Linz (010 43 732 275225). Prospect offers a seven-night trip departing Sept 17, combining with Vienna at £775 including tickets. OCTOBER

BRATISLAVA MUSIC FESTIVAL: The annual autumn festival in Slovakia's medieval capital. The Hall of Mirrors of the Primate's Palace and Bratislava castle host concerts by Bashmet, Mustonen, Popp and Zukerman. Sept 27-Oct 12: Michalska 10, C-81536 Bratislava (010 38

7 334528). Cedok offers a one-week package, departing Oct 4 at £429 including two days in Prague. Henebery has a similar offer.

WEXFORD FESTIVAL: Eire's "Weiss Fjord" comes to life with its annual opera TRAVEL CONTACTS

festival. This year features Bolledieu's *La Dame Blanche*, Leoncavalio's *Zaza*, and Nicholas Maw's *The* Rising of the Moon.
Oct 25-Nov 12: Theatre
Royal, High Street, Wexford,
Eire (010 353 53 22240). Prospect departs on Oct 26 and Nov 8, combining with Cork at £450, and on Nov 3 combining with Dublin at £540. Brompton makes two trips, departing Oct 26 and Nov 8 from £390 for three operas and B&B. JMB offers a wide range of

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FESTIVAL: A fively and
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on the avant-garde. This year's
theme is Mobility: The Third
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NOVEMBER

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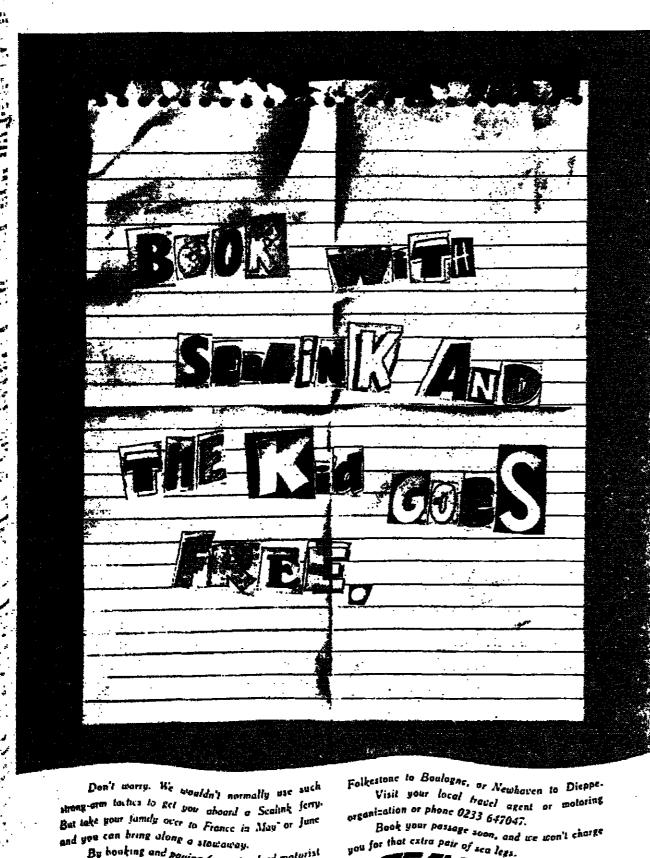
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Leaping in at the deep end

Snorkelling is a simple way to get more from a beach or seaside holiday. I have flippered my way around the reefs in Malta and Malana the reefs in Malta and Majorca, stared down at wrecks off Nassau, fled from sharks off Port Sudan, and torented tropical fish off

half a hundred All snorkelling takes is a little common sense and half an hour learning how to hold your breath and clear water from the face mask, and away you go. The standard snorkelling kit – a mask, a snorkel

tube and the optional pair of flippers — weighs little and takes up hardly any space in the suitcase, but can provide a window

Scuba-diving, the full Jacques Consteau number, with tanks and

offer holiday accommodation and courses which combine fun with serious instruction, but scuba-diving is also available from a growing number of holiday companies. Check that the instructors are qualified and that comprehensive "fly-you-home" diving insurance

Even if you just decide to try a dive or two off the beach with the local diving school abroad, you should not step into the water without suitable insurance cover, which the school ought to offer, or insist that you obtain. It will certainly insist that the diver signs an indemnity form which covers it, so be sure you have insurance to cover you. All specialist operators will offer diving insurance as a matter of course, but check that the cover is adequate.

Twickers World is the largest supplier of scuba-diving holidays, with trips to good diving schools in locations all over the world. Its 1990 brochure includes 16 days in' Sabah, diving in the Celebes Sea at prices from £1,530; 10 days diving off Phuket in Thailand from £790; the Barrier Reef of Australia from £2,685, and a wide range of diving, suitable for beginners and experts, near Bodrum in Turkey at prices from £219, plus the cost of the

Something rather less intense is available through Global Holidays, a family holiday company which is offering a dive package with Unisub, as part of a two-week family holiday to Estartit on the Costa Brava. The basic cost of the holiday, self-catering, by air, is £184-£254. The dive-pack costs £198 (Novice Diver Course), or £198 (Sports Diver Course), or, for the qualified diver, 10 dives for £86 or, with equipment hire, £148.

Aquasun Holidays specializes in another popular holiday destination, Malta, offering family holidays and scuba-diving trips with Divewise, a local dive-school. Seven days cost from £239, 14 days from £285, excluding diving. A novice diving course costs £62 for six days or £116 for 12 days, while those holding a sports diving certificate can go boat-diving without a qualified instructor in attendance, for £78 for six days. This dive-pack covers air, equipment, the boat and use of facilities.

Sol Sports visits Lanzarote, Malta, Gibraltar and Eilat with its

complicated. If you want to scubadive properly, and safely, you need proper instruction from experienced divers. Such instruction is available all over the world, but it

ACTIVITY

HOLIDAYS

comes in a variety of forms, with half an hour at the deep end of the hotel swimming hotel swimming pool being the all-toocommon introduction to the joys and perils of the deep. Be careful, though

scuba-diving is not for everyone. If you have a heart condition, or one of a number of chronic illnesses (consult your doctor), or are subject to vertige or

claustrophobia, scuba-diving may not be for you. But if you are lit and like the water, scuba-diving could be the perfect holiday pastime.

Robin Neillands

scuba-diving holidays, which include beginners' weeks, and a range of dive packs for every level of competence. The beginner's week on Lanzarote starts with a one-day introductory plunge for the complete beginner or snorkeller. This costs £40, or £20 if the beginner then decides to take the entry scuba experience course over three days, run by the local diving centre, and costing £80. Experienced divers — with a sport diver's certificate — can book a six- or 12-dive pack costing £70-£120 respectively.

Meon Villas has chosen Gozo for its venture into the deep end. where a two-week villa holiday with two hours' diving per day will cost from £319, rising sharply to £580 in July. This includes flights, accommodation and the dive pack designed for beginners. Halsey Villas uses the Caribbean island of Antigua for its diving holidays; the all-in price for an eight-day holiday starts at £1,075.

All-Abroad caters for the real diving enthusiast and offers some of the best Mediterranean diving spots, with a range of facilities including live-aboard boats, shore diving, camping and diving safaris, plus diving tuition. Prices vary, but start as low as £142 for seven nights. Duncan Travel of Southampton offers full-board accommodation on its diving holidays to the Red Sea via Cairo, 12 days' diving from £645, eight days' from £425.

Coming closer to home and out to the Channel Islands, a group of qualified divers could get together and hire the MV Maureen, a wellequipped dive-boat operating out of Dartmouth. From the Maureen you can go wreck-diving off the coast of Guernsey and around the Casquets. These are fast tidal waters, full of currents, so this is for qualified, experienced divers only. The Maureen can hold up to 12 divers and the cost for the boat

weekends. Heading further afield, to the Far East, Regal Diving, of Ely, offers Thailand from £830 and a 10-day trip with five days boat cruise to the Andaman Islands where, I am assured, the diving is superb and the underwater life still untouched. This holiday costs from £999 for five days affoat and five days ashore in Thailand, Nondivers can go along or go

snorkelling, at prices from £919.

Regal Diving has holidays in Jordan, based at the Royal Diving Centre at Agaba, which has a pool,



lecture rooms, hot showers, all the comforts and the Red Sea at the bottom of the garden. The Red Sea is a very popular scuba-diving location because there is a good chance of seeing sharks. Scuba divers are very keen to see sharks, preferably first. More Red Sea diving is available from Red Sea Aquarians of Wallington in Surrey. Its holidays are based at Rudi Kneips' Red Sea diving centre at Hurghada in Egypt, but include a comprehensive range of diving options: live-aboard boat equipment hire and instructional courses, including some for

he island of Madeira, in the warmer, southern part of the Atlantic, has crystal-clear water and reefs with wrecks and abundant marine life, all of which can be explored on a holiday with Ocean Diving of Banbury. Its holidays are based at the Hotel Savoy Dive Centre on Funchal, where specialities on offer include cave diving and night diving. Heading west to Nassau and the out-islands of the Bahamas, Barracuda Travel offers unlimited diving aboard its yacht, Bahamian Barracuda. The yacht has a crew of two and accepts a maximum of four divers, who must hold a minimum sport diver's qualification. They can dive on reefs and into blue holes, visit deserted islands, and the cost, full board, based in Nassau, is £80 per head

Back in the Mediterranean,

per day.

Sardinia Diving Holidays runs boat diving trips to the 16 largely unexplored islands of the Madelana archipelago, including the island of Caprera, where commercial fishing has been banned for the past 20 years. There are lots of wrecks to see or explore, including an almost intact Second World War Italian submarine, and the clear water makes this area a particularly good spot for underwater photography. These holidays are for sport diving level or better, and the prices start at £249, self-catering for one week, and the seven-day dive pack (10

LEARNING

cuba-diving demands quite a lot more skill and technique than simple snorkelling, and if you have no experience of it at all, you would be well advised to take some lessons in this country before booking your holiday. Probably the best-known centre for scubadiving instruction in the UK is the long-established Fort Bovisand underwater centre at Plymouth, the largest diving school in Europe, which offers weekend or five-night courses from the end of March to the end of September, when the local waters are clear and fairly warm. Fort Bovisand runs courses for beginners, aged from 15 years up, and also for qualified divers seeking to improve, all run by instructors with qualifications from the British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC) and Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). All equipment is supplied, and prices range from £36 to £50 for two nights, or £225 for five nights, with full-board accommodation at £26.15 per night.

A very wide range of scuba-diving courses is available at the Poole Dive Centre, where a three-hour BSAC introductory course costs £15. This will let you see if you like diving, and shows all that scubadiving involves. If you decide to proceed, the novice course in the diving pool lasts two days, and with the introductory course costs £169, excluding accommodation. Those who intend to go sea-diving without supervision on holiday should then proceed to take the fiveday sport diver's course, costing £293.

The BSAC sport diver's qualification is considered to be the minimum standard necessary for unsupervised sea-diving, though it should be understood that unsupervised does not mean unaccompanied. Never dive alone. A full list of BSAC-recognized diving schools in Britain and abroad can be obtained from The British Sub-Aqua Club, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1N OPW,

SAFETY FIRST

t he first rule for snorkelling on holiday in "Don't do anything using a snorkel mask and tube you would not do without

Stay in safe water, or within your depth; stay well away from speed-boats, water-skiers and power-craft. Be sure you can be seen. Above all, never snortel alone, and use your common sense. Buy a separate sportel tube and mask, not the intermet outfit, which cannot be casily cleared if it fills with water. Town surface buoy, a "safe sausage", to mark your position, and always return to shore or the boat before you are cold or exhan "Scuba" is an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, and much of the above advice also applies to scuba. But, since scuba-diving is a much more technical activity, demanding more specialized equipment and skills, the best advice for anyone contemplating a scubsdiving holiday is to ensure that the dives and instruction on offer are run or supervised by qualified personnel, with British Sub-Aqua Club (BSAC). Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) or National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAWI) qualifications. BSAC diving qualifications are regarded as the finest in the

If you have never tried scubediving, it may be worth seeking out a BSAC recognized diving school and learning about it first in Britain before booking your

A useful guide for scuba-divers and snorkellers is the BMW Tropical Beach Handbook (Fourth Estate £12.95), which gives a comprehensive view of the world's best tropical beaches, listing where to dive, the kind of diving available, and a list of local dive operators. The Diver Video is an introductory guide sponsored by the BSAC and available from Diver Magazine, 40 Grays Inn Road, London WIX 8LR (£25.50 including postage and packing).

INFORMATION :

contact the holiday operator first and discuss the facilities available. Specialist operators will offer diving insurance, but you should make sure this is a "fly-youhome" policy. Twickers World 01-892 7606; The Poole Dive Centre 0202 677427; Duncan Travel 0703 702063; All Abroad 01-458 2666; MV Maureen Diving Holid 0860 571012; Regal Diving 0353 778096; Ocean Diving (Madeira) 0295 272098; Red Sea. Aquarians 01-669 0068; Aquasun Holidays 01-258 3555; Sardinia Diving Holidays 01-642 9784; Sol Sports 0992 584092; Barracuda Travel 0476 861177; Dive and Sail 0452 740919; Global Holidays 01-466 4647; Virgin Diver's World Holidays 0293 775511; Fort **Bovisand Underwater Centre** 0752 408021; Meon Villas 0730 66561; Halsey Villas 01-723

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respectable. Stoutly Scandinavian, no rust or furry danglers at the windows, and washed not six months before. But it was clearly not respectable enough to stand outside the front door of Cliveden and clutter the view from the sweeping gravel drive. We had barely come to a halt when two solicitous valets materialized as if from nowhere, one to unload the luggage and the other impatient to assume command of the offending vehicle and whisk it into

hiding in a discreet yard round the back, where I imagine it hung its headlights in shame. The following day, I felt even worse. Mr Robert Maxwell arrived by helicopter to attend a wedding reception, and had his Rolls and driver on hand to ferry him the 300 yards from the pad to the front door. And the Rolls stayed

In the days when Cliveden was the majestic home of the Astors, one's own chauffeur would naturally have parked the motor. Now that it is a hotel, and now that only the likes of Mr Maxwell have people to do the driving for

The car, I thought, was quite

outside the front door all

A breath of luxury air

lately restored building, to recreate the

parking. With a maximum capacity of only 50 guests. there are enough staff to dance attendance on your every

from your shoes after a walk broached with the manage-

WEEKEND thing they require, at any time of the day authentic atmosphere of one or night," the management of Nancy's weekend country said. Fair enough; a kettle

ouse parties. would, I suppose, jar with the Attentiveness is what three cut-glass decanters in characterizes Cliveden, and each room (no minibars here) not just in the matter of containing whisky, gin and parking. With a maximum vodka, the bill discreetly calculated by ruler at the end of your stay. Nancy's house parties,

whim, be it to clean the mud according to the autobiography of her niece, Joyce through the house's beautiful Grenfell, were a combination 370 acres of woodland of luxury and activity; indeed, Grenfell, were a combination grounds alongside the most the indoor tennis court is still attractive stretch of the entire in regular use. Now Cliveden Thames, or to summon a pot has combined the two by of tea at four in the morning. opening the Pavilion, a very And dance they do. I superior health club, in the walled garden alongside the ment the thought of kettle and open-air swimming pool teapot in the room to deal with made infamous by the Probouts of thirst during unsocial fumo set. Thence I repaired, people to do the driving for bouts of thirst during unsocial fumo set. Thence I repaired, • Cliveden Hotel, Taplow, them, the staff do their best, in hours. "We expect our guests propelled by the twin needs of Bucks SL6 OJF (0628-668561)

working off the previous evening's excellent five-course dinner (£39 for the set menu) and unwinding from the strain of watching cars being parked. Besides the 18-metre beated pool, the Pavilion has the usual array of steam rooms, saunas and plunge pools to induce perspiration and afterglow. Staff offer a full range of facial beauty treatments for women and men, or Swedish massage at £25 an hour.

Luxury and service of Cliveden's standard are not cheap, but nor are they outrageous. The hotel adopts the sensible European practice of charging for the room, not the number of people in it. Bed-rooms are individually deco-rated and named after famous guests of the past; prices, including full English breakfast taken communally in the Versailles-style French diningroom, range from £170 for a double room up to £375 for the best suites. Each guest is surcharged £3 as a contribution to the National Trust,

Alan Hamilton

Score a quiet break

Despite this week's police warnings that violence by some England football fans is being planned for the World Cup matches in Italy during June, there is little sign of any adverse effect on holiday bookings. The specialist tour operator Citalia reports only a "slight drop" in bookings for Sardinia where Eagland will be playing three marches be-tween June 11 and 21. Sicily, where the Dutch will be playing, is seeing no downturn in its popularity. Britain's largest package holiday company, Thomson, attributes no loss of business to the Cup. The company has taken pains to ensure that there will be no football groups on its holiday flights to Italy. A notice which it sent to agents at the start of the booking season said that it was the company's "intention to ensure that genuine holiday-makers wishing to travel to Ituly with their family or friends are not inconvenienced by the presence of groups of football fans on the flight or in

TRAVEL NEWS

structed that any group booking for the relevant period "must be accompanied by names and deposits at the time of booking, and any bookings for all-male, large groups may be refused." Another specialist operator, Magic, of Italy, said that possible disruption caused by the Cup did not seem to have been a deterrent.

Biting advice

Global warming cannot be blamed for the 2,000 cases of malaria presented each year to British doctors. Many of those who fall victim to the disease are holidaymakers and businessmen who did not seek expert guidance on precautionary measures before leaving home. They should have no excuse now with a new, easily accessible advice service. The Hospital of Tropical Diseases' has opened a telephone advice hotline, charging 38 pence per minute. The line (0898 345 081) is inter-

active, which questions the caller about his or her proposed destination. I picked the Caribbean and learned that malaria is a risk in the Dominican Republic and in Haiti. But, despite £3 worth of interaction, I could not discover which prophylactic drugs to buy or ask my doctor to prescribe. Dr R. Behrens at the hospital said that the line was intended to alert the public to the need to take precautions and to refer them to its clinic or their own doctor for prescription.

Shona Crawford Poole Travel Editor

● A one week horseridis heliday in Spain with Aventura costs from 2385, not £495 as had been stated 📽

 Surcharges on package holidays must be levied within 30 days of departure, not eight weeks as stated in the same

TRAVEL BOOKS

Guatemala is a country of paradoxes, as Anthony Daniels reveals in "Sweet Waist of America" - Journeys Around Gzatemala (Hutchinson, £14.95). Daniels spent eight months in Gaatemala, encountering everyone from peasants to children at the country's most privileged school, the unbelievable red tape of government departments to evangelical healers,

fuany in turn. Daniels abandons his preconceptions one by one, finding himself charmed by old dictators (whose names and addresses appear in the telephone directory) and annoyed by the many do-gooding foreigners intent on finding Gratemala a "Disneyland of horrors" while both books are readable and ignoring its complexities and subtle shades of truth.

aged American hippies to The Penguin Guide to Mex-members of the military sus- ico 1990 (58.99) and The ico 1990 (58.99) and The

specialists who either live in, or travel extensively through, the particular regions about which they write. The books spell out the attractions of each area and make recommendations about sightseeing, hotels, restaurants, shoppin and so forth. There are simple black and white maps and nacked with information.

• The Travellers Companion to the West Country by Michael Jenner (Michael Joseph, pected of civilian massacres. It Penguin Guide to Hawaii 1990 £16.99), defines its patch as is an intriguing country and a (£5.99) do everything right. "south of the M4 and west of fascinating and beautifully Each is written by a handful of the hazy line extending from

coast", but admits that others think of the area in terms of cider and cream teas. Jenner states that he wants to strip the west country of its Thomas Hardy/Lorna Doone associations, instead stressing the "physical aspects" of the past. The text is interesting and informative, covering the area in historical order. The colour photographs are so lovely and plentiful that anyone with a penchant for "Hardy country" might buy this simply as a coffee table book.

Jenny Tabakoff



the resort." Agents were in-



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A desert surprise

Off the beaten track in Namibia. Ros Drinkwater discovers a strange and beautiful land time has passed by

ake up and come quickly," whispered the Ovambo, shaking me gently, "We think he is near." I unpeeled my sleeping-bag and tiptoed across the sand. You could hear him crashing through the undergrowth on the far side of the water hole. Then he appeared, a huge desert elephant, ghostly pale in the moonlight. For half an hour we watched while he drank and munched mopani. Then he turned and vanished into the night.

Namibia, formerly South West Africa and due to become independent on March 21, has been described as a Third World country with a First World infrastructure. Overseas visitors are often suprised by the excellent transport and communications, and the comparatively sophisticated life of the capital, Windhock. But step off the beaten track and there is desert wilderness, unchanged since the Bushmen first settled it

3,000 years ago.
After the Bushmen came the Nama and the Damara, the farming Ovambos and the aristocratic Hereros. Over the centuries Europeans came and went. Only the Germans, fleeing a rapidly industrializing Europe, felt an affinity with the strange, arid land and in 1884 claimed it for the Kaiser. They were a curious breed, those early pioneers, hardy beyond belief, but with a strong streak of romanticism. They trekked hunwireds of miles in search of water, teams of 20 iron-shod oxen pulling their wagons, but where they finally came to rest they built Rhineland-style castles and art nouveau mansions lavishly furnished with the finest goods Europe could supply.

The best colonial architecture can be found in the small town of Lideritz, well worth a detour for the old-fashioned charm of its wind and sand-beaten streets. Lideritz is en route to nowhere,

perched between ocean and desert. The highway that leads there cuts through the forbidden territory of the world's richest diamond fields. Stopping your car on the road is a criminal offence, but it is rumoured that more than a few of Namibia's 27 millionaires suffered vehicle breakdowns in this part of the world.

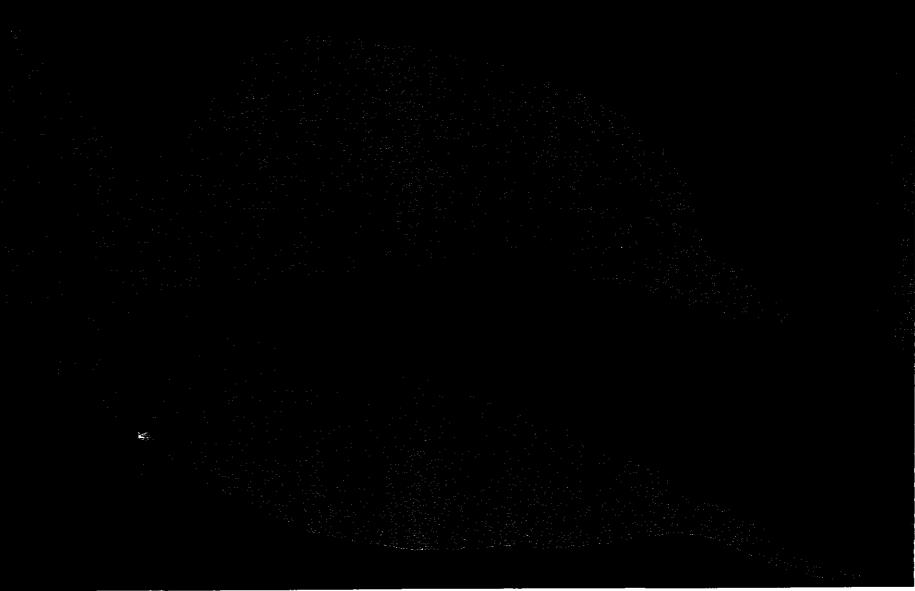
Close by is the ghost town of Kolmanskop, founded when an African literally stumbled on a diamond. After the discovery of the richer diamond grounds to the south, Kolmanskop was abandoned and its villas, shops and casino are sinking under the sands.

The appeal of Namibia is the sheer scale of its grandeur, the endless mountain vistas of the Fish River Canyon, the wide, flat Etosha Pan in the north, teeming with game, the Namib desert itself, which runs the full length of the coast and gives the country its name - at its centre a sea of apricot-coloured sand dunes towering nearly 1,000ft.

But begin your journey gently at Swakopmund, the country's favourite resort, a bolthole for Namibians fleeing the summer heat of the interior. Swakop is a memorial to colonial town planning with wide boulevards and fine German buildings. Here the sun shines all year round, but at night cool fogs are blown in from the ocean, keeping the temperature at a comfortable 22°C. Swakop has a cosmopolitan air.

It is popular with writers and

artists and a favourite location for foreign film companies. The locals are unfazed by the sight of Grace Jones sashaying down Kaiser Street, Dolph Lungren eating shark steak in Kucke's Pub, or Sir Laurens van der Post sipping tea at the Cafe Anton. There is excellent bathing and surfing, and miles of wide, sandy beaches - but take care near the harbour where the beach makes a sudden dive to the depths of the ocean and the

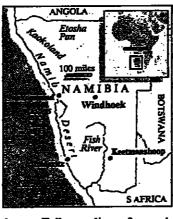


Natural art in the desert: strange, colourful shapes are weathered out of the sand dunes - some nearly 1,000ft high - and granite formations near Spitzkoppie, Namibia's Matterborn

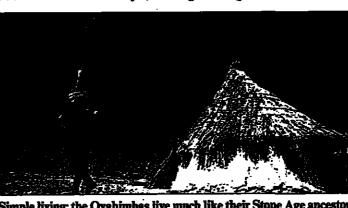
force of the waves can knock you flat on your back.

There are several first-class hotels, but the Pension Schweitzerhouse, with the attached Cafe Anton, has a special charm. Its terrace is the hub of Swakop cafe society. It overlooks the town planners' pièce de résistance, a dual-carriageway planted with palms leading from the centre of town down to the ocean. Some years ago, one end was scaled off. "It was beginning to attract traffic," was the cryptic explanation.
The ethnological treasures at

Swakop's museum had whetted my appetite for a trip to the interior. The sea fog hung over Kaiser Street as we set off for Kaokoland in search of the nomadic Ovahimba tribe, who live much in the manner of their Stone Age ancestors. Kaokoland is not for the feeble. Travel is by fourwheel-drive vehicle only, and one vehicle travelling alone is not recommended in case of a break-



down. Full supplies of petrol, water and food must be carried. My guide, Paul van der Bilh, is an expert in desert survival and a mine of unforgettable facts... How to render a scorpion edible: remove the sting, boil it up and pretend it's a prawn. What to do should a black mamba crawl over you in the night: ignore it, the poor



Simple living: the Ovahimhas live much like their Stone Age ancestors

our sleeping-bags. We made camp in dried-up riverbeds mottled with

leopard spoor, and drifted off to

sleep counting the shooting stars, alert to the cries of hyena, jackal,

thing's just looking for warmth and if you can't handle that, carry a sealed tent. The correct mode of female dress for meeting the 'Himba: preferably an anklelength skirt, never trousers; the 'Himba are gentle, but they have to draw the line somewhere.

and baboon; they were probably quite a way off but we slept with stout sticks by our sides in the At noon, the temperature soared to 40°C, at night we froze in sand, just in case. In the desert, you are always prepared.

● Lufthansa (28 Piccadilly, London W1, 01-408 0322) and South African Airways (251 Regent Street, W1, 01-734 9841) fly twice weekly to Namibia via

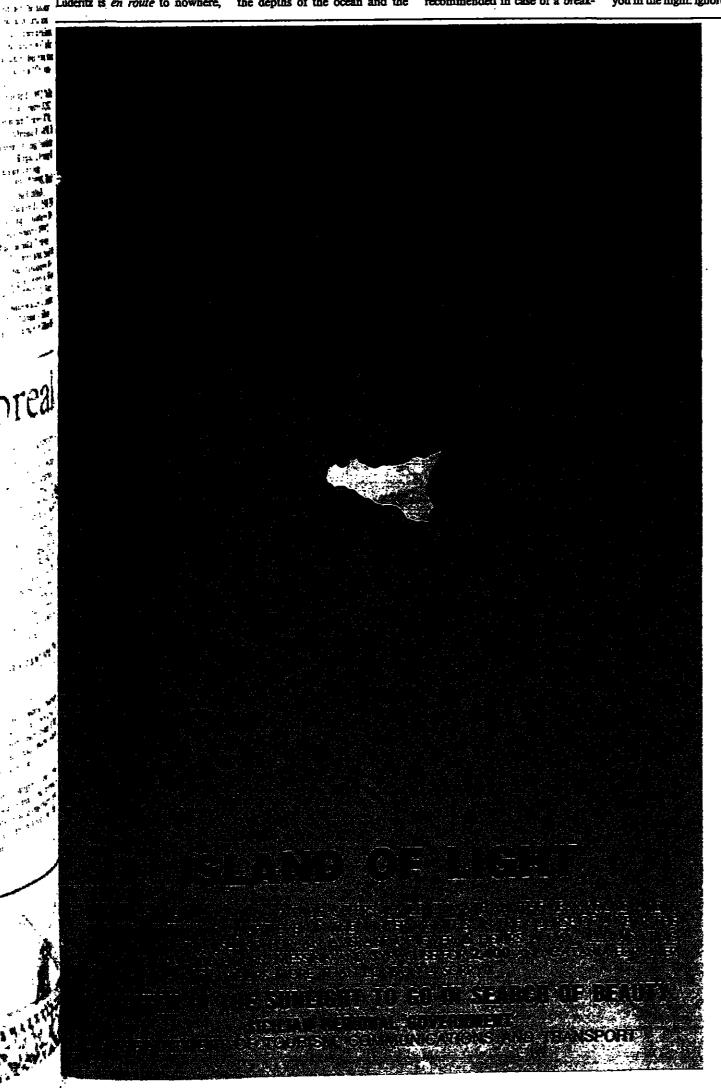
Frankfurt, approximate price £851 to £1,010, depending on the season. Namib Air is planning direct flights from London at a date to be announced. Comfortable hotel room with

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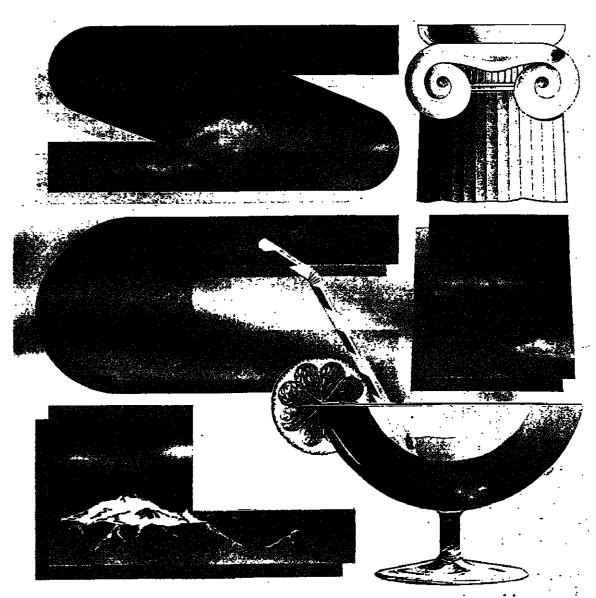
bath costs between £16 per night per person (Pension Schweitzerhaus, Swakopmund) to £46 per person (Kalahari Sands Hotel, Windhoek). It is advisable to book in good time.

 DAS, PO Box 339,
 Swakopmund, offers a range of desert safaris. For further information on hotels and guest farms, contact Namibia Trade and Tourism, Private Bag 13297, Windhoek 9000.

 The best time to visit Namibia is February-May and September-November. Tipping: 10 per cent is customary.



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Never take letters for granted.

The Yoruba tribe of Nigeria once used cowrie shells to communicate with each other. Six sent to your beloved meant, "I fancy you." Eight sent back in reply meant, "I'll leave the door open."

It was of course vital to be able to count accurately.

Other early forms of communication took even more cryptic form.

Peruvian Quipus - knotted cords of different colours - were used by Inca Civil Servants as a sort of filing system for public records,

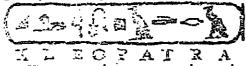
These are still used in Lambeth today.

The Quipu may have been alright for beating llamas, but as a way of communicating, it couldn't beat writing: "the greatest invention of man" according to Abraham Lincoln.

In the earliest stages of writing, letters were

drawn like pictures (pictographs). The first pictographic 'writing' was Sumerian from around 4000BC.

The most famous was Egyptian hieroglyphic - sacred writing engraved in stone. This meant absolutely nothing to anyone until a Frenchman called Champollion succeeded in working out and writing the name of Cleopatra from hieroglyphs on the Rosetta Stone in 1822. Realising what he'd done, he cried out "Je tiens l'affair!" ("I've cracked it!"), and premptly collapsed in a heap.



We can also congratulate the Egyptians for developing the pen and paryrus. It may not seem much to "ou, put it was a damn sight easier to tuck under your arm than a chisel and a block of granite.

To keep the number of signs down to a minimum, the Egyptians adopted the rebus principle - a pictorial way of substituting pictures for words or syllables. Need say more?

Piry the Chinese didn't grasp this principle. Even now their written language has 50,000 graphic characters. (incidentally, in early Chinese the signs for 'woman plus 'broom' meant 'wife! 'Weman' plus 'woman' meant 'quarrel' - the earliest example of sexism in literature.)

And so, as scholars' jaws drop even lower, let as skip to the alphabetic system of writing 'invented' some 0.600 years ago.

The word alphabet is simply the combined Greek names for the first two letters, aipha and beta.

The first letter of the Hebrew (alef). Arabic (alif), Greek (alpha) and Latin (A) alphabets all came from this: & a victure of an ox head which & over the years 4 changed into something & we all recognise, don't we A?



The first alphabet is believed to have come from the Semites. But it was the Phoenicians who aimed to devise a true alphabet which relied on one symbol to represent one sound.

Early alphabetic scripts could be read from top to bottom, left to right, right to left and, at one period in Greek history, were written in houstrophedon - as the ox ploughs - from right to left and back again from left to right. Confused? You will be ...



Hallelujah! The Greeks stop the Phoenician alphabet spinning round and get everybody to agree to read from left to right. Except those poor Chinese of course...



And on to the alphabet we inherited from the Remans. The most perfect expression of the letters is chiselled

into the base of the Trajan Column in Rome. By common consent, these Capitalis Romana are known as the most beautiful of all Roman letters and were the prototype for western letter forms.

About 50AD, the last letter in the alphabet was X. Then after conquering Greece and learning a few Greek jokes that needed a bit of explaining, the Latins added Y and Z. J and U were added in the early Middle Ages and W arrived in the 11th century just in time for Beowulf.

Meanwhile, back in the court of one hell of an imagination, invented paper. Made from tree bark, fish nets to reach Europe.



Whizzing past the order for one Domesday Book placed in 1086 (famoose for its paw spelling), here's a cultural handrail to give you some perspective on the 12th century. In the whole of Europe there were only four universities: Paris, Oxford, Bologna and Salerno.

As books were becoming more of Emperor Wu Di, a Chinese eunuch a commercial enterprise, the need called Cai Lun with no balls but to cram more and more onto a page produced the Gothic or Black Letter. De rigeur for religious manuscripts, it and old rags, it took over 1,000 years still plagues wedding invites and made Chaucer a swine to read even then.

and redefine the proportions of the old Roman Capitals using the mutual proportions of the human body.

One such was Geofrey Tory, one of the biggest men in French letters, no, hang on...



Albrecht Dürer relied on nothing more than a sketch and a description of a rhino for this woodcut which was a sell out and went through eight editions.

Unlike the rhino, which went through the ship's hold on its way to Pope Leo X and had to be forwarded to him, stuffed.

Darer also wrote "Of the

but it's not as good a

Just Shaping of Letters" in 1525,

The 16th century saw French

typographers leading the world. The

most sought after of the time, respon-

sible for establishing the first type

foundry, was Claude Garamond who

died penniless in 1561, a little ahead of

By the 18th century the spread of

literacy amongst a growing middle

class made printing big business.

William Caslon's Old Face type, cut

in 1722, became known as "the finest

vehicle for the printed conveyance of

Nothing was good enough for

Baskerville. He made his own ink, de-

veloped his own wove paper and made

the first real improvements to the

printing press since Gutenberg. His

typeface, dismissed as 'painful' at the

time, is now one of the most popular

and linked the 'Old styles' with the

After his death, Baskerville's type

and punches ended up in Paris where

they were used during the French

Revolution. His body, for various

bizarre reasons, spent the best part of

80 years kicking around a warehouse

and plumber's shop before being

The so-called "Father of 'modern'

type," Bodoni of Parma managed to

attract Napoleon's attention with the

imperial look of his work.

finally put to rest.

English speech."

'Moderns'

enduring fame. C'est la vie.



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From The Mother's Picture Alphabet of 1862.



'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' was the first novel to be written on a typewriter in 1875. Mark Twain dismissed his Remington as a "new fangled thing."



Better known to Yuppies for his wallpapers and textiles, the poet William Morris started the Kelmscott Press in 1891 to revive the beauty of typography that book production lost, in his opinion, somewhere in the 15th century.



The first sans serif (letters without pointy bits), of the 20th century was Johnston's Railway Type designed for the London Underground in 1918.



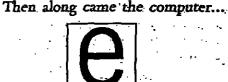
Without doubt the most influential authority on printing and typography this century, Stanley Morison is most publicly remembered for re-designing The Times. The October 3rd issue of 1932 was the first to feature his Times New Roman.



A zip through the last 50 years. Machines took over from men to pursue the goal of ever clearer letters, set ever more quickly.

Up to the turn of the century however, book print was put together by 'Pica Thumpers' - so called after a size of type.

Paid by the 'ennage' (or length of setting) they had a sneaky habit of slipping extra space into the line. It's easy to spot their work.



is for Epson's TLQ 4800. The last word in computer printing technology and the first 48 pin dot matrix in the world.

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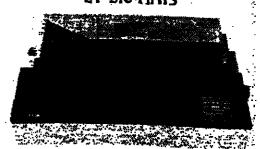
(Those poor old Chinese, that's another 52 brush strokes they'll have to learn.)

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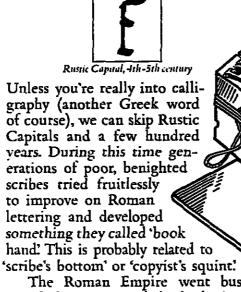
E is also the beginning of the end. ET SIC FINIS



A POTTED HISTORY OF PRINTING FROM THE FIRST LETTER TO THE LAST WORD.

> One variation on Black Letter was known as Bastarda for pretty

> > obvious reasons.



The Roman Empire went bust round about now and the barbarians turned it into a bingo hall.



As the dust settled on the Roman Empire, Literae Unciales (inch-high letters), were the chubby little heroes of the day. Belted off by scribes who skidded round corners and joined strokes to save time, they were now being written on parchment, "that

made of beestis skynnes:" ALL LETTERS WERE STILL IN CAPITALS.

stouffe that we wrythe vpon: and is

Illuminated letter from The Book of Kells, 6th-8th century But they got a lot smaller in the 6th century when the lowercase letter started popping up. As did the Vikings, the 8th century's very own lager louts who, despite destroying every monastery they could find, missed those responsible for the two masterpieces of Celtic illuminated writing - The Book of Kells and

the Lindisfarne Gospels. The latter was once stolen and found later, buried and minus its gold cover. Even in the Middle Ages, people nicked books. To try and stop this, scribes would often add a curse in the colophon as in this 9th century manuscript:

Whoe'er this book to make his own doth plot,

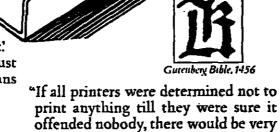
The fires of hell and brimstone be his lot?

And it wasn't until about 600AD that words began to be separated. Uptillthennobodysawanyreasontoput spacebetweenthem.

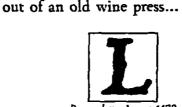


Fed up with trying to decipher the cryptic handwriting of scribes from all over his empire, Charlemagne headhunted the top man from the Scriptorium at York and gave him the job of creating a single standard of handwriting - the first bit of

corporate design ever. Charged almost literally with rewriting history, Alcuin of York developed Carolingian letters - a clearly legible book hand, and the direct ancestor of our lowercase alphabet and most basic type styles of today.



little printed." Benjamin Franklin. Up 'til 1440, everything in Europe had been handwritten. And then... Iohann Gensfleisch (zum Gutenberg), a goldsmith, came up with his amazing invention. Movable type - printing! His 42-line Bible, completed in 1456, was printed on a machine he made



Nicholas Jenson's Roman letters, cut in 1470, left Gothic for dead and have been admired by experts for centuries.



The first English printer was Caxton. The first book printed in England to bear a date was his 'Dictes or Sayengis of the Philosophres' in 1477. Touchingly, one of his assistants was called Wynkyn de Worde...



What did Raphael, Cellini, Michelangelo, Henry VIII and Lady Jane Grev all have in common? Their handwriting, adopted from the fashionable writing manual 'Operina' written by the Pope's Chancery scribe, Ludovico Arrighi. Other scribes followed suit with manuals of their own. One such, a Spaniard called Morante, became so popular his competitors turned him in to The Inquisition.

Meanwhile in 1501, Aldus Manutius, driven by the desire to invent paperbacks (pocket editions of the Latin classics), introduced a type that would let him get more letters to the page. He was Italian, the English thus called his invention, italics.



The Renaissance interest in geometry and ideal form pushed many to try

Display faces were just what the early advertisers wanted. The wackier the better. One of the very earliest poster types had the most appealing name: Fat Face.

